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Grazing lands turning into buffer zones, says chief of Ladakh village

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The village head of one of the last settlements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh's Chushul said on Tuesday that in the past year, at least three large grazing areas near the village have been turned into "no-man's land" or "buffer zones" after Indian troops pulled back from patrolling points in the Kugrang Valley that includes patrolling points (PP) 15, 16 and 17.

Konchok Stobgais, the traditional head or *nambardaar* of Phobrang village, 60 km from PP-17 told *The Hindu* that after every disengagement process, the Army climbed down further, thereby ceding the space to China and creating new buffer zones.

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China remains formidable challenge, says Navy chief

Admiral Hari Kumar says Beijing has maintained a continuous presence in the Indian Ocean Region since 2008 by leveraging anti-piracy operations to normalise its naval presence

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

China remains a formidable challenge and has increased its presence not only along India's land borders, but also in the maritime domain by leveraging anti-piracy operations to normalise its naval presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said on Wednesday.

Admiral Kumar was speaking on the security challenges that India faces.

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> ADMIRAL R. HARI KUMAR
> Navy Chief

Navy presence

The Navy chief noted that China had maintained continuous presence in the IOR since 2008 using anti-piracy operations "as the reason".

"At any point we have anything between five to eight Chinese Navy units, be it warships or research vessels and a host of Chinese fishing vessels operating in the IOR. We keep a watch on them and see how they are undertaking their activities in the IOR," Admiral Kumar said at the 49th annual management convention of the All India Management Association.

He said China now had a base in Djibouti, and was also involved in the development of various ports in the IOR, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Pakistan and many other countries.

National interests

"Our capability plans and developments that we are looking at is not based on a nation, it is based upon our requirements to protect, preserve and promote our national interests," Admiral Kumar said.

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Still two friction points at LAC, says Army chief

NEW DELHI

There are still two friction points at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh that India and China need to move forward, Army chief General Manoj Pande said on Tuesday. At an event organised by Bharat Shakti, he said: "I am sure we will be able to find resolution towards these two friction points. That is our immediate aim to disengage from these friction points before we look at the next step of de-escalation, which will involve pullback by troops and tanks." He said the lessons learnt were to maintain high level of operational preparedness at all times and the importance of infrastructure development.

EWS quota does not erode rights of SCs, STs and OBCs: Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The 10% quota for economically weaker sections (EWS) of society does not erode the rights of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes or the Other Backward Classes, Attorney-General of India K.K. Venugopal submitted before a Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Tuesday.

Mr. Venugopal, for the Centre, said the EWS quota was given independent of the already existing 50% reservation granted for the backward classes, that is, the Scheduled communities and the OBCs.

The top law officer rejected arguments by petitioners that the exclusion of backward classes from the EWS quota amounted to discrimination. "So far as the SCs and STs are concerned, they have been loaded with benefits by way of affirmative actions. They are in a tremendous position as far as reservations are concerned," Mr. Venugopal submitted.

As if to illustrate, the Attorney-General pointed to several Articles in the Constitution which provide backward classes with reservation in promotions, in panchayats, municipal bodies and legislative bodies.

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> **K.K. Venugopal**
> Attorney-General of India

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Only 17% houses constructed: CAG

BENGALURU
The Housing Department has only completed 88,395 dwelling units (DUs) against the target of 5,17,531 DUs for the urban poor in Karnataka, the CAG of India has found.

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Call on 2A quota after report: CM

BENGALURU
The government will take a decision on providing reservation to various communities under 2A of OBC quota based on the report of the Karnataka backward classes commission.

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Celebrating a bond

Crop fest: Tiwa tribesmen dancing on the occasion of the Langkhon festival in Karbi Anglong district of Assam on Tuesday. During the annual festival, farmers pray for a good harvest. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Shivamogga police book two under UAPA

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN/MANGALURU

Shivamogga police have arrested two people on the charge of having links with a banned terrorist organisation. Home Minister Araga Jnanedra said they are suspected to have links with ISIS.

The arrested are Maj Muneer Ahmed, 22, of Mangaluru and Syed Yasin, 22, of Siddeshwara Nagar in Shivamogga.

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Kurmis block railway tracks demanding inclusion on ST list

Protesters from the Kurmi community blocking railway tracks in Seraikela Kharsawan district in Jharkhand on Tuesday. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

People belonging to the Kurmi community on Tuesday blocked railway tracks in various parts of eastern India demanding their inclusion on the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST) and the inclusion of the Kurmali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

The protests led to the cancellation, short-termination and diversion of several trains in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha.

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4 regions plan votes to join Russia even as Moscow loses ground

Associated Press
KYIV

The Russian-controlled regions of eastern and southern Ukraine announced plans on Tuesday to start voting this week to become integral parts of Russia.

The concerted and quickening Kremlin-backed efforts to swallow up four regions could set the stage for Moscow to escalate the war against Ukrainian forces successfully battling to wrest back territory.

Begins on Friday

The announcement of referendums starting Friday in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and partly Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia regions came after a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin said votes were needed, as Moscow loses ground in the war that began nearly seven months ago.

The votes are expected to be held from September 23 to 27. The votes, in territory Russia already controls, are expected with near-certainty to go Moscow's way but are unlikely to be recognised by Western governments backing Ukraine.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

A rise in the number of new subscribers with the EPFO

18.23 In lakh, the number of new subscribers who registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in July, a 24.48% rise compared to the year-ago period, according to the provisional payroll data of EPFO. Around 10.58 lakh members of the total new members have come under the social security cover of EPFO. PTI

Bru refugees from Mizoram enrolled in Tripura electoral rolls

5,664 The number of Bru refugees, who have been included in the electoral rolls in the northeastern State so far. Of the total number of Bru people who were uprooted from Mizoram's Mamit district following ethnic clashes in 1997, 14,000 are expected to get enrolled in the voter list of Tripura, officials informed. PTI

Waiting in line for hours, to see the Queen for the last time

2.5 In lakh, the estimated number of people who saw the British sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II lying in state in London when her coffin was displayed for public viewing for a little over four days before the funeral. The Queen died aged 96 at her Balmoral estate in Scotland on September 8. People queued 24 hours to see her coffin in Westminster Hall. PTI

Russia and Ukraine swap prisoners of war after seven months

200 The number of prisoners Russia and Ukraine have agreed to swap in one of the largest exchanges of the war, according to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Erdogan's statement comes after talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of a regional summit in Uzbekistan. Turkey has remained neutral in the conflict. AFP

Massive flooding leads to water-borne diseases in Pakistan

1,559 The death toll from floods caused by record monsoon rains and glacial melt in northern Pakistan, the country's disaster management agency said. At least nine people died on Monday of infectious and water-borne diseases that have attacked thousands of people in flood-hit Pakistan, government data showed. Reuters

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The lumpy skin disease

How will the spread of the disease affect the diary industry of India? Are there vaccinations for the vector-borne disease?

Diksha Munjal

EXPLAINER

The story so far: The Mumbai Police have ordered the prohibition of cattle transportation in the city to prevent the spread of the lumpy skin disease (LSD). This means cattle cannot be moved out of the place they are being raised or transported to marketplaces. The order came into force on September 14 and will stay in place till October 13. The disease has killed 127 cattle in Maharashtra, having spread to 25 districts. The contagious viral infection has spread in cattle in more than 10 States and Union Territories so far. Prime Minister Narendra Modi informed last week that the Centre and States are working together to control the spread of the disease, which has emerged as a concern for the dairy sector.

Doctor's visit: Veterinarians from the Department of Animal Husbandry screening the cattle for LSD at Karungalpalayam in Tamil Nadu. GOVARTHAN. M

What is the lumpy skin disease and how does it spread?

Lumpy skin disease is caused by the lumpy skin disease virus (LSDV), which belongs to the genus capripoxvirus, a part of the poxviridae family (smallpox and monkeypox viruses are also a part of the same family). The LSDV shares antigenic similarities with the sheeppox virus (SPPV) and the goatpox virus (GTPV) or is similar in the immune response to those viruses. It is not a zoonotic virus, meaning the disease cannot spread to humans. It is a contagious vector-borne disease spread by vectors like mosquitoes, some biting flies, and ticks and usually affects host animals like cows and water buffaloes. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), infected animals shed the virus through oral and nasal secretions which may contaminate common feeding and water troughs. Thus, the disease can either spread through direct contact with the vectors or through contaminated fodder and water. Studies have also shown that it can spread through animal semen during artificial insemination.

LSD affects the lymph nodes of the infected animal, causing the nodes to enlarge and appear like lumps on the skin, which is where it derives its name from. The cutaneous nodules, 2-5 cm in diameter, appear on the infected cattle's head, neck, limbs, udder, genitalia, and perineum. The nodules may later turn into ulcers and eventually develop scabs over the skin. The other symptoms include high fever, sharp drop in milk yield, discharge from the eyes and nose, salivation, loss of appetite, depression, damaged hides, emaciation (thinness or weakness) of animals, infertility and abortions. The incubation period or the time between infection and symptoms is about 28 days according to the FAO, and 4 to 14 days according to some other estimates.

The morbidity of the disease varies between two to 45% and mortality or rate of date is less than 10%, however, the reported mortality of the current outbreak in India is up to 15%, particularly in cases being reported in the western part (Rajasthan) of the country.

What is the geographical distribution and how did it spread to India?

The disease was first observed in Zambia in 1929, subsequently spreading to most African countries extensively, followed by West Asia, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia, and more recently spreading to South Asia and China in 2019. As per the FAO, the LSD disease is currently endemic in several countries across Africa, parts of the West Asia (Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic), and Turkey.

The spread in South Asia first affected Bangladesh in July 2019 and then reached India in August that year, with initial cases being detected in Odisha and West Bengal. The FAO points out: "The long porous borders between India, Nepal and Bangladesh allow for a significant amount of bilateral and informal animal trade, including cattle and buffaloes." This, the UN body says, may have contributed to the spread of LSD in July-August 2019 between Bangladesh and India. While the 2019 outbreak later subsided, the recent spread in India began in June this year.

Is it safe to consume the milk of affected cattle?

Studies say that it has not been possible to ascertain the presence of viable and infectious LSDV virus in milk derived from the infected animal. FAO notes, however, that a large portion of the milk in Asia is processed after collection and is either pasteurised or boiled or dried in order to make milk powder. This process ensures that the virus is inactivated or destroyed.

Notably, Joint Director at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) told *PTI* that it is safe to consume milk from cattle infected by LSD, as it is a non-zoonotic disease. "It is safe to consume milk from the infected cattle. There is no problem in the quality of milk even if you have it after boiling or without boiling," Mr. Mohanty said.

What are the economic implications?

The spread of the disease can lead to "substantial" and "severe" economic losses according to FAO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The disease leads to reduced milk production as the animal becomes weak and also loses appetite due to mouth ulceration. The income losses can also be due to poor growth, reduced draught power capacity and reproductive problems associated with abortions, infertility and lack of semen for artificial insemination. Movement and trade bans after infection also put an economic strain on the whole value chain. A risk assessment study conducted by the FAO based on information available from 2019 to October 2020 revealed that the economic impact of LSD for South, East and Southeast Asian countries "was estimated to be up to $1.45 billion in direct losses of livestock and production".

The current outbreak in India has emerged as a challenge for the dairy sector. India is the world's largest milk producer at about 210 million tonnes annually. India also has the largest headcount of cattle and buffalo worldwide. In Rajasthan, which is witnessing the worst impact of LSD , it has led to reduced milk production, which lessened by about three to six lakh litres a day. Reports indicate that milk production has also gone down in Punjab owing to the spread of the disease. According to FAO, the disease threatens the livelihoods of smaller poultry farmers significantly. Notably, farmers in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab have incurred losses due to cattle deaths and are seeking compensation from their State governments.

How bad is the current spread in India and what is the government doing?

The current outbreak started in Gujarat and Rajashthan around July and had spread to Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar and Uttarakhand by early August. It then spread to Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. In recent weeks, it was reported in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Jharkhand. The virus has infected over 16 lakh cattle in 197 districts as of September 11. Of the nearly 75,000 cattle that the disease has killed, more than 50,000 deaths, mostly cows, have been reported from Rajasthan.

The FAO has suggested a set of spread-control measures for LSD, which involves vaccination of susceptible populations with more than 80% coverage, movement control of bovine animals and quarantining, implementing biosecurity through vector control by sanitising sheds and spraying insecticides, strengthening active and passive surveillance; spreading awareness on risk mitigation among all stakeholders involved, and creating large protection and surveillance zones and vaccination zones.

The Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying informed that the 'Goat Pox Vaccine' is "very effective" against LSD and is being used across affected States to contain the spread. As of the first week of September, 97 lakh doses of vaccination have been administered. The affected States have put movement bans in place and are isolating infected cattle and buffaloes, spraying insecticides to kill vectors like mosquitoes, with some affected States such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh also setting up dedicated control rooms and helpline numbers to guide farmers whose cattle have been infected.

In a major breakthrough, two institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed an indigenous vaccine for LSD, which the Centre plans to commercialise and roll out in the next three to four months. The vaccine is based on LSD virus samples from cattle in Ranchi afflicted in the 2019 outbreak and experimental trials conducted on animals afflicted in the ongoing 2022 outbreak with the vaccine have revealed encouraging results, ICAR and the Ministry of Agriculture have stated.

Some solace: A farmer applies ayurvedic medicine on a cow suffering from lumpy skin disease at Kapil village in Karad, on September 17. PTI

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Documentary on Gauri Lankesh wins film award

BENGALURU

Gauri, a documentary based on journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh, directed by her sister Kavitha Lankesh, has won the Best Human Rights Film award at the Toronto Women's Film Festival, 2022. "It has been selected for the South Asian Film festival of Montreal and is in consideration at Doc New York, International Documentary Film Festival of Amsterdam, Sundance Film Festival and other festivals across the world," said Ms. Lankesh in a statement.

Diploma colleges asked to hold convocation on Dec. 4

BENGALURU

Diploma colleges in the State have been instructed to hold convocation day on December 4 as a mark of respect to Nalwadi krishnaraja Wadiyar.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Skill Development and Higher Education, said that he had written to the Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department regarding this.

The Wadiyars contributed greatly to the development of the State. Especially Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar has contributed immensely for the State's educational and industrial progress.

HC stays further action at Purva Parkridge

BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday stayed further action on storm-water drain encroachment, by the authorities at Purva Parkridge at Mahadevapura, till the next date of hearing on a petition filed by Purva Parkridge Apartment Owners' Association.

Justice R. Devdas passed the interim order after it was pointed out that the authorities had not given sufficient time for the association to respond to the notice issued on September 14.

Anti-encroachment drive in Bengaluru skips over lakes as BBMP faces multiple hurdles

The civic body, which is facing multiple hurdles to remove encroachments, says around 303 out of 3,622 acres under 210 lakes in the city have been encroached. It has been able to recover only 46 acres

WHAT AILS OUR LAKES

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As Bengalureans try to move on from the deluge that crippled normal life recently, the focus was back on the city's neglected lakes, many of which rose from inconspicuousness with a fury rarely seen before. *The Hindu* delves into what ails Bengaluru's once famous lakes and where they stand today.

In various parts of Bengaluru, residents are still living in fear of a downpour that might leave their localities and homes inundated, and roads flooded again after the recent havoc.

As the city, parts of which went under water, made headlines for all the wrong reasons and the blame game began, the authorities started a drive against illegal encroachments on storm-water drains. But so far, no action has been taken to remove encroachments on lakes, which is also one of the major reasons for the flood-like situation in the city, according to activists and experts. According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), around 303 of 3,622 acres under 210 lakes in the city have been encroached. So far, the BBMP has managed to recover only 46 acres. BBMP officials admit that parts of most lakes in the city have been encroached upon over a period of time by various builders, including tech parks, developers, schools and colleges, and also by government agencies and departments.

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> **V. RAMPRASAD,**
> Convener and co-founder of Friends of Lake

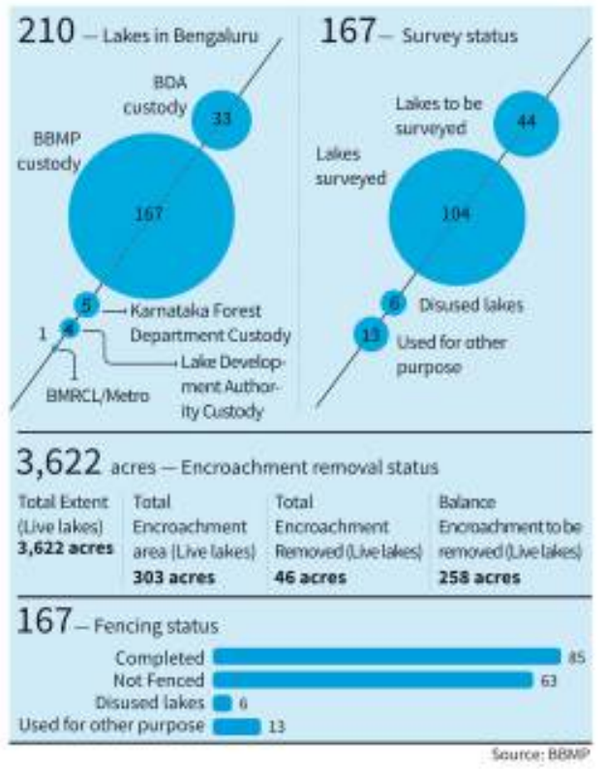
The civic body, which has to remove these encroachments, is facing multiple hurdles to act against them. "From a few guntas to acres, lakes have been encroached upon in various parts of the city. One of the main issues to identify the encroachments is a shortage of surveyors. If surveyors can identify the encroachment, then the BBMP can at least start removing the encroachments on lakes. But so far, the shortage of surveyors is causing a delay in identifying encroachments," an official said. There are other problems too. "The civic body faced issues during the recent anti-encroachment drive conducted to remove the encroachment on SWDs. Further, the BBMP has to face legal hurdles after identifying lake encroachments as we issue a notice to remove them, but the property owners go to court and bring a stay order. This leads to more delay till the legal battle settles," the official added.

V. Ramprasad, convener and co-founder of Friends of Lake, said that the lake encroachment survey and clearance drive should be more aggressive. "The only reason that our city is flooded is due to the encroachment of lakes and SWDs, which are the only link to the smooth water flow in the city. The city typography is such that lakes and SWDs play a very important role to make sure that the water flows smoothly without creating a flood-like situation. However, now both links being encroached upon, all the vulnerable areas located in the Vrushabhavathi, Hebbal, Koramangala, and Challaghatta valleys are causing flooding."

Mr. Ramprasad also said that the flooding during rains is also the result of mismanagement of the landscape of the city apart from the encroachment of wetlands and valleys.

"For instance, during every rain, a tech park gets inundated because of alleged encroachment as it is situated near the Hebbal valley," he added.

(Readers may email their comments to letters.bangalore@thehindu.co.in)



Companies 'offer' to clear illegal structures

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) demolition drive, Wipro, which is listed as having encroached upon a storm-water drain (SWD), on Tuesday said that it is working with the civic body to clear the structures on the drain on its campus in Doddakannelli.

A document by BBMP, dated August 17, shows that properties built on various survey numbers in the Mahadevapura zone had blocked the water flow on stormwater drains (SWD), which included Wipro along with other 14 properties owned by IT parks and builders.

"We are proactively working with the BBMP to increase the capacity and access of the SWD passing through our Doddakannelli campus, built as per plans sanctioned by authorities concerned. Wipro has also opened a part of the compound wall to enable BBMP to carry out these efforts easily," the company said.

The BBMP also cleared a 2.4-metre compound wall of Wipro and Salarpuria in Mahadevapura.

The civic body officials said, "Bagmane tech park themselves have cleared slabs put on the 80-metre SWD on their premises. Illegal makeshift structures built near Kasavanahalli main road have also been cleared.

Meanwhile, the BBMP halted the demolition drive on Tuesday at the Purva Parkridge apartment near Garudacharpalya in the Mahadevapura zone following a stay ordered by the High Court.

IISc. researchers develop pressure sensors that use paper as medium

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

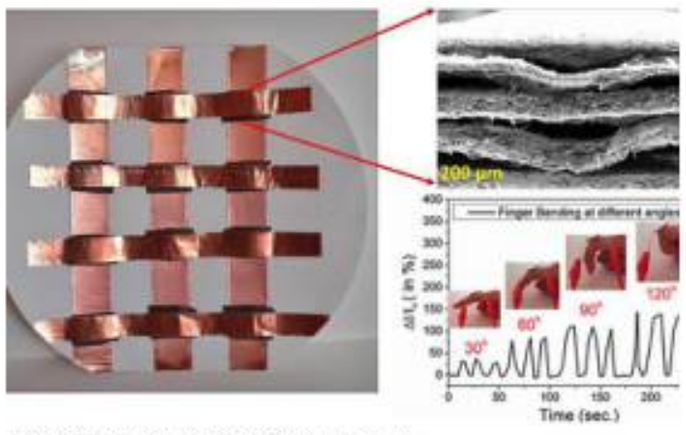
Several industrial, automotive, and healthcare applications rely on accurate and precise measurement of pressure. Flexible and wearable pressure sensors are typically fabricated using petroleum-based polymers, but the solid waste generated from using such non-biodegradable plastics is harmful for the environment. To avoid this issue, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) have now fabricated pressure sensors that use paper as the medium.

According to an IISc. release, a pressure sensor detects physical pressure and converts it into an electrical signal that is displayed in the form of a number indicative of its magnitude.

Nowadays, paper-based electronic devices are gaining greater attention owing to their natural biodegradability, excellent flexibility, porous fibrous structure, light weight, and low cost. However, paper-based sensors developed so far have certain disadvantages.

The team of Navakanta Bhat, professor at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) and corresponding author of the paper published in the ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering, has proposed a design for the paper sensor that, by virtue of its structure and multilayering, achieves high sensitivity and can detect a broad range of pressures (0-120 kPa) with a response time of 1 millisecond.

The sensor is made of plain and corrugated cellulose papers coated with tin-monosulfide (SnS) stacked alternatively to form a multi-layered architecture. SnS is a semiconductor that conducts electricity under specific conditions. "Paper in itself is an insulator. The major challenge was choosing an appropriate 3D device structure and material to give conductive properties to paper," says Neha Sakhuja, a former PhD student at CeNSE and the first author of the paper.



A wearable paper pressure sensor. NEHA SAKHUJA

> The sensor shows promise in being developed into a flexible and wearable electronic device, especially in the healthcare sector. For example, the research team mounted it onto a human cheek to investigate the motion involved in chewing, strapped it to an arm to monitor muscle contraction, and around fingers to track their tapping.
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> Bengaluru

When pressure is applied on the sensor's surface, the air gaps between the paper layers decrease, increasing the contact area between these layers. Higher contact area leads to better electrical conductivity. On releasing the pressure, the air gaps increase again, thus decreasing the electrical conduction.

This modulation of the electrical conductivity drives the sensing mechanism of the paper sensor, explained the release. "Our key contribution is the simplicity of the device. It is like creating paper origami," said Prof. Bhat.

"The sensor shows promise in being developed into a flexible and wearable electronic device, especially in the healthcare sector. For example, the research team mounted it onto a human cheek to investigate the motion involved in chewing, strapped it to an arm to monitor muscle contraction, and around fingers to track their tapping. The team even designed a numeric, foldable keypad constructed using the in-house paper-based pressure sensor to demonstrate the device's usability," added the release.

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-Vs-
South India Corpn.Pvt.Ltd., C/o.Chettinad Cements Corpn.Ltd., No.7 R C C 206 / 261 SG Mutt Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018. ...1st Respondent

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(Sd) R.SURESHKUMAR, Advocate for the Petitioner, Cuddalore.

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O.S. No. 26584/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007
And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Syed Waseem Pasha & Anr. ...Defendants
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
To,
Syed Waseem Pasha, Proprietor - U.K. Scrap Traders, Aged about 33 years, S/o. Syed Mahaboob Pasha R/a. 19, 6th Main, Shamanna Garden, Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560026
Defendant No. 1
Fathima Wasiya, W/o. Syed Waseem Pasha, Aged about 27 years R/a. 19, 6th Main, Shamanna Garden, Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560026
...Defendant No. 2
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against the both of you seeking recovery of Rs.15,67,293.01/- as on 28/10/2020 along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby Summoned to appear before the 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-22] in personally or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 21/10/2022 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 12th day of September, 2022.
By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo hall, Bengalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Siva & Co., Advocates
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road
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AND
In the matter of SAMYAMA JYOTHI SOLAR ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U40104KA2015PTC081225)
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For & on behalf of Applicant
SAMYAMA JYOTHI SOLAR ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
RAGHAVENDRA RAHUL KORLAM
(DIRECTOR)
DIN : 08925952
Date : 21.09.2022 | Place : Bangalore

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The complexity of caste, its analysis and its reading today

There is an apparent opacity of caste now, which requires fine-grained and multi-dimensional study. This should not just be a quantitative study but a qualitative one as well, due to the changing dynamics between and among caste groupings.

Satish Deshpande

With backward groups seeking reclassification as marginalised communities and launching agitations – such as the Kurmis seeking ST status in Jharkand, West Bengal and Odisha recently – the issue of reservation has taken a complicated turn in India. In this article dated April 2, 2020, sociologist Satish Deshapande explains how the process of internal differentiation within large caste groups has now penetrated much deeper convoluting our understanding of caste dynamics.

Twenty years ago, at the dawn of the new millennium and after the 'Mandal decade' of the 1990s, it looked as though the institution of caste had become legible in a new way (*See* "Caste and social structure", *The Hindu*, December 6-7, 2001). The break with the past seemed decisive; a code had been cracked, and caste could be 'read' like never before. Like any newly literate person, we took it for granted that the change was permanent.

But the new age of caste clarity lasted barely two decades. Today, in the mid-Modi era after the novel coronavirus pandemic, we are struggling to come to terms with the perception that caste has become opaque again – the code has changed. What has changed? And how has it affected our understanding of caste?

For recognition: Members of the Gujjar community block a railway track to press their demand for ST status in Rajasthan in 2010. REUTERS

The 'we'

To begin with, the perception of the 'we' has changed. It can no longer remain an unmarked universal 'we' that speaks for everyone, but must be acknowledged as upper caste. Specifically, this is the vantage point of the overwhelmingly upper caste liberal intelligentsia, a group that certainly has a caste location with its biases, but is more a spectator than a player in the game of caste. Unlike players (who must strategise to win the game while taking account of possible moves by opponents and allies), the spectator tries to map all possible moves by all players.

The other changes can be divided into two kinds – those that are internal to the caste structure itself and those that are located in the larger context. Leaving the contextual changes for later, the internal changes are taken up here, initially in relation to the largest group, the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

On the OBCs

The re-orientation of caste in the new millennium happened largely because of the arrival of the OBCs on the national stage. The OBCs were good to think with for several reasons.

First, the OBCs helped to place caste the right side up. From the Nehru era until the 1990s, the dominant ideology had presented caste as the exception and casteless-ness as the rule. The OBCs forced us to recognise that the upper castes were a minority rather than the 'general' or universal category. Second, because they were an intermediate group, the OBCs invited closer attention to the notion of backwardness and the interplay of graded privilege and disprivilege in different caste clusters. Third, because they were defined as a residual category – neither in the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribes, nor in the upper castes – the OBCs highlighted the pros and cons of categorisation and the challenge of internal disparities within large groupings. The OBCs were also important in themselves because of their demographic weight and distribution. They were present in most parts of the country and formed a large (usually largest) segment of every class group, from the poorest to the richest. That is why they had a special affinity for federalism and were instrumental in introducing coalition politics at the national level.

Is this way of reading caste still valid for caste analysis today? The short general answer is yes; but it is the particulars that matter for the more useful long answer.

Internal dynamics

The single most important change over the past two decades is that the process of internal differentiation within each large caste grouping has now penetrated much deeper. The impact of this process depends on the dimension of differentiation and on the contextual features which allow or prevent sub-groups from crystallising as distinct entities with an autonomous trajectory. The most common dimensions of differentiation are economic status, livelihood sources, and regional location. The single most important contextual factor that allows or prevents crystallisation as an independent entity appears to be region-specific electoral influence. For example, the Yadavs of Uttar Pradesh have not only coalesced as a coherent group, but have also facilitated the emergence of a derivative sub-group called the 'non-Yadav OBCs'. Individual castes within this latter group, however, are yet to acquire a separate electoral identity.

Similar region-specific developments may be seen in cases such as the Mahars of Maharashtra or the Malas of Andhra Pradesh among the SC groups. But the emergent entity need not be defined as a distinct caste; and it may be an off-stage rather than on-stage actor in the drama of electoral politics. For example, economic differentiation within the upper castes has produced a division into the non-rich, rich and super-rich segments, but these are not sub-castes, and they are not (yet) a separate political constituency and remain within the larger upper caste fold. Nevertheless, such groups demand to be addressed politically and are of crucial ideological importance. The upshot is that caste analysis today has no choice but to be fine-grained and multi-dimensional. This is not just a quantitative change – the crystallisation of new political entities triggers qualitative shifts as well, changing the game being played without making it an entirely new game. Moreover, caste being fundamentally relational, it is the changing dynamics between and among caste groupings that matters. From the point of view of the social sciences, what this means is that macro-analyses of caste will become more and more difficult; they will end up either as unhelpful (and unsustainable) generalities, or they will simply become a collection of detailed micro-studies.

The sources

Thus, the apparent opacity of caste today seems to have two different sources. The first is the exponential increase in the complexity of the field, largely because of the differentiation of the initial groupings that were far too big to remain coherent. It is not that the code of caste has changed but that the caste-text to be read today is far more advanced. In other words, we have not become illiterate with respect to caste but we have to raise our reading skills to a much higher level.

However, it is the second source of opacity that is far more consequential, and this is located not within caste but in its relationship to other contextual factors. The most important of these are neoliberalism as a hegemonic worldview that re-positioned state and market; the dominance of Hindutva as a political modality; the new media regime that saturates social life; the ongoing restructuring of federalism; and finally, the change in the ecosystem of official statistics.

Satish Deshpande teaches in Delhi University. Views are personal

ABSTRACT

On framing gun laws

Policymakers need to conduct a cost-benefit analyses while drafting gun control laws

Prashanth Perumal

"Firearms and Lynching," Michael D. Makowsky and Patrick L. Warren, August 2022, Journal of Law and Economics

Gun violence is an issue that is hotly debated in countries such as the U.S. Anti-gun activists have often pointed to the killing of innocents in mass shootings in public places and called for a ban on the purchase of guns by civilians. The pro-gun camp, on the other hand, has put forward the case that guns can actually make crime less likely by raising the cost of committing a crime. They have particularly pointed out that it is hard to quantify the number of lives that have potentially been saved by civilians who held guns, leave alone the number of crimes that never happened because the potential victims held a gun. It is also hard to quantify how many actual crimes reported each year could have been averted with civilian access to guns. This makes it very hard to weigh the disadvantages of wider gun use against its advantages and frame a proper gun policy.

The need for evidence

Even in academic literature on crime and gun control, it has been hard to come across clear empirical evidence that measures the lives saved by the use of guns by civilians. "Firearms and Lynching," a paper by economists Michael D. Makowsky and Patrick L. Warren from Clemson University published in the *Journal of Law and Economics* tries to fill this vacuum. The paper studies the effect that access to firearms had on incidents of lynching against blacks in southern U.S. during the times when the Jim Crow laws were in force. The Jim Crow laws were racial segregation laws that were implemented from the late-19th century to the middle of the 20th century to discriminate against black Americans. Even when the laws were not openly discriminatory on paper, the implementation and actual intent of the laws were against blacks. The researchers found this by studying the effect of state gun control laws during this time. These disarmament laws had the desired negative effect on black gun ownership but not on gun ownership among whites. Firearm ownership among blacks reduced due to discriminatory disarmament laws.

Greater protection

Since there are no clear records of individual ownership of guns from the Jim Crow era, Makowsky and Warren used data on suicides committed using guns as a proxy to measure gun ownership among different populations. The assumption is that greater gun ownership is likely to lead to a greater number of suicides using guns. In their analysis, the researchers found that there was a strong negative relationship between access to firearms among blacks and incidents of lynching. That is, in places and during times when blacks had greater access to firearms, there were fewer cases of lynching against them. When disarmament laws managed to reduce access to firearms among blacks, the authors estimate, there was a rise in cases of lynching against them. This finding implies that access to firearms could have helped blacks better protect themselves against incidents of lynching. The authors of the paper note that the benefits of free access to firearms to a certain group of people may be higher in political setups where there is institutional discrimination against them. Still, their paper serves to remind that at least in some contexts, wider gun ownership need not have negative effects on public safety. Public policymakers may need to take this into account in their cost benefit analyses while framing gun laws.

THE DAILY QUIZ

The International Day of Peace is observed annually on September 21. Here is a quiz on peace treaties from across the world.

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
This is the earliest recorded peace treaty, and is the only Ancient Near Eastern treaty for which the versions of both sides have survived. A copy of the treaty is prominently displayed on a wall in the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Name the treaty.

QUESTION 2
This forms an important symbol of liberty today, and is held in great respect by British and American legal communities. The four original charters were displayed together at the British Library for one day, in 2015, to mark the 800th anniversary of the charter of rights. What is the name of the charter? Who drafted the charter?

QUESTION 3
The Louisiana Purchase was the acquisition of the territory of Louisiana by the U.S. The four decades following the Louisiana Purchase was an era of court decisions removing many tribes from their lands east of the Mississippi for resettlement in the new territory. This culminated in a series of forced displacements of approximately 60,000 Indigenous people. What is it called?

QUESTION 4
This was the site of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany which marked the end of fighting in World War I on November 11, 1918. Name the site. A second important event involving Germany also happened at the same site years later. What is it?

QUESTION 5
This peace agreement may refer to one of three peace agreements that were signed between the government of this country, and rebel groups in 2006, 2011 and 2020, to end the conflict. Name the agreement.

Visual Question
A treaty is being signed in this picture. Name the treaty. Where was it signed? Name the people signing the treaty.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The connection of T. Muthuswami Aiyer with the founding of *The Hindu*. **Ans: The founders felt the Anglo-Indian Press campaign against his appointment was unfair and should be rebutted forcefully. So they started the publication.**
2. The number of people who founded *The Hindu*. **Ans: Six. Often called the 'Triplicane Six'.**
3. The number of copies of the inaugural issue and the day on which the 'weekly' comes out. **Ans: 80 copies with publication on Wednesday (later Thursdays)**
4. The transformation which happened to *The Hindu* in April 1, 1889, and November 11, 1940. **Ans: It became a daily and a morninger respectively**
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6. In 1947, *The Hindu* started this publication which was revived under a different name in 1978. **Ans: *Sport & Pastime* and *The Sportstar***
7. The first edition of *The Hindu* to be launched outside of Madras. **Ans: Bengaluru**
Visual: The significance of this photograph. **Ans: First photograph published in *The Hindu* in 1897**

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Word of the day

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Hole in Sumanahalli flyover; repair work to start on Sept. 22

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A hole surfaced on the Sumanahalli flyover, located on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in West Bengaluru on Tuesday. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said the hole developed on the RCC slab of the flyover and the repair work will commence on Thursday.

"We have investigated the flyover and there is no danger due to the present hole," said officials.

The flyover is situated on the Goraguntepalya-Nayandahalli section of the Outer Ring Road, over the busy Magadi Road connecting Nagarabhavi and the Dr. Rajkumar Samadhi.

The officials said that the flyover was commissioned by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in 2010 and was handed over to the BBMP in 2016.

In 2019 too, the flyover had seen a similar hole and the civic body had repaired it, officials informed.

Uniforms sent to CSTRI for quality testing

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After allegations of poor quality cloth being used for uniforms of government schoolchildren, the Department of School Education and Literacy has sent samples to the Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI), Bengaluru, for quality testing. Vishal R., Commissioner, Department of Public instruction, told *The Hindu*: "After this incident came to our notice, we brought some samples of the cloth from Tumakuru and Haveri. According to our tender condition, any cloth sample testing should be done by CSTRI only. So we sent the samples to CSTRI for quality test". "We also conducted a meeting with the vendors and they said everything is done as per government specification. They also said they are ready to face any type of test. We are waiting for the CSTRI report. It will come within two to three days. Then, we will take proper steps on the basis of the report," the Commissioner said.

Recently, parents in Gubbi taluk, Tumakuru, alleged that poor quality uniforms were distributed to children. *The Hindu* had reported about the issue on September 19.

BMRCL floats tender for 318 cars under phase II and phase II a & b

For the first time, the BMRCL has also imposed a clause of maintenance of coaches and the manufacturer has to maintain them for a period of 15 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of a metro train on the Mysuru Road to Kengeri line. BMRCL has the required number of coaches to commission train operations on the extended metro line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has floated a tender for procuring 318 metro cars for running them on various lines under phase II and phase II a & b.

Track work

- As per the plan, 96 coaches will be used for services on Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara line, which has an underground stretch for 14 km from Dairy Circle and Nagawara
- Rest of the 222 coaches will be used for services on ORR – airport line from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport via K.R. Puram, Nagawara, and Hebbal
- Total length of the corridor is 55 km
- These corridors are under construction and the lines are expected to be operational by 2024-25
- The BMRCL currently has metro trains having a set of six cars each

For the first time, the BMRCL has also imposed a clause of maintenance of coaches. The manufacturer has to maintain the coaches for a period of 15 years.

Anjum Parwez, MD, BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that a clause on the maintenance of coaches will help the corporation to save its resources. "We have taken a cue from the Delhi Metro. Currently, a lot of resources are being spent for maintenance of the coaches that include periodical repair works, spare parts, and others. To save money in the long run, other metros too have started imposing this condition while procuring coaches".

"These can be operated without drivers. The advanced signaling systems help to reduce the headway by 2 minutes. At present, we are running trains not less than five minutes. The train will have advanced systems that also check the health of the track and obstructions. For the trains that will be operated to the airport, during the design stage, we will plan on providing luggage space for the air passengers and other amenities," said the MD.

On the status of the procurement of the metro coaches from China's China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation that was contracted for supplying 216 coaches to the BMRCL, Mr. Parwez said, "The CRRSC has entered into an MoU with an Indian company to manufacture the coaches. We are expecting to receive these new coaches in the beginning of next year." These coaches will be operated on R.V. Road - Bommasandra line.

The official also said that BMRCL has the required coaches to commission train operations on the extended line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield. The BMRCL has 50 train sets of 6 cars each.

INBRIEF

Lalbagh land issue: 'Probe to be handed over to Lokayukta'

BENGALURU
Horticulture Minister Muniratna on Tuesday announced that the government will hand over the inquiry into the claims on land adjacent to Lalbagh to Lokayukta before taking a decision on the ownership.

The announcement came in the Legislative Council while he was answering a question from Janata Dal Secular member K.A. Thippeswamy. Currently, the land measuring 2.08 acres is held by HOPCOMS.

"The said land is being used by HOPCOMS since 1980. Mumbai-based Charisma Builders have gone to court in 2017 over the ownership," the Minister said, while also adding that the documents have started coming out only since 2013.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (September 21, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- What is the lumpy skin disease affecting cattle in India? Will it affect supply of milk?
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'Focus must be on need for essential post-diagnosis care'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In response to new data showing that up to 85% of the over 55 million people living with dementia worldwide may not receive post-diagnosis care, global dementia experts have called for post-diagnosis dementia care, treatment and support to be recognised as a human right.

On the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day observed on September 21, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), the international federation of 105 Alzheimer and dementia associations around the world, has released the World Alzheimer's Report 2022 - Life after diagnosis: Navigating treatment, care and support, which was co-authored by McGill University. The report focuses on the urgent need for significant improvements to essential post-diagnosis treatment, care and support services for people living with dementia across the globe.

Post-diagnosis dementia care, treatment and support refers to multiple interventions that can improve the quality of life for those with dementia, including both pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments, caregiving, access to healthcare, support for daily life activities, home adaptations, social inclusion and respite.

September 21 is observed as World Alzheimer's Day

"We do not question whether people with cancer need treatment, so why is it that when people receive a dementia diagnosis, they are often not offered treatment or care? Repeatedly, they are just told to get their end-of-life affairs in order," said Paola Barbarino, ADI CEO.

"Coupled with improving diagnosis rates, post-diagnosis dementia care must be recognised as a human right. While dementia does not yet have a disease-modifying 'cure', there is clear evidence that demonstrates that appropriate post-diagnosis treatment, care and support significantly improves the quality of lives of those living with this disease, allowing many to maintain independence for longer," stated the report.

"The pressure on global healthcare systems during the pandemic has further exacerbated the ability for healthcare professionals to provide adequate post-diagnosis treatment, care and support for people living with dementia. The issue is that 62% of healthcare professionals wrongly believe dementia is a normal part of ageing, with this belief fuelling the lack of support," the report said.

'Socio-cultural practices impact lives of people living with dementia'

Playing traditional Indian games, drawing rangoli or kolam patterns, and singing bhajans are culturally relevant activities incorporated in cognitive stimulation therapy, says NIMHANS paper

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

According to the paper, families in India are recognised as capable of therapeutic participation.

Recognising that socio-cultural practices profoundly impact the lives of people living with dementia, a team of researchers from NIMHANS and Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), India, have recommended that enhancing efforts to impact public perception, healthcare systems, and policy can contribute to improving the quality of life in people living with dementia. The most common cause of dementia is Alzheimer's disease.

According to a paper titled *Cultural implications for people living with dementia and their family in the Indian context* that is part of the World Alzheimer's Report, 2022, efforts from dementia stakeholders (that include healthcare systems, governmental and non-governmental organisations) as well as policy change can contribute towards developing equitable solutions and enhancing the wellbeing of people living with dementia and their families in the Indian context.

"While certain aspects of dementia diagnosis and care are universal, reducing the global burden of dementia actually relies on tackling this multifaceted issue through contextualised and localised forms of medical practice and care. Socio-cultural contexts differ across the world, and it is crucial to understand their impact on people living with dementia and their families to ensure that management strategies are effective. India is a multicultural and a multi-ethnic country and this diversity significantly influences dementia awareness and care," Suvarna Alladi, professor and head of Department of Neurology at NIMHANS, who is the lead author of the paper, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Elaborating on the management of dementia, Dr. Alladi said it involves pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions that reduce symptoms and improve the quality of life.

"While the majority of drugs used for symptomatic treatment are widely available, they are expensive, with limited accessibility for people from low socioeconomic status. While a few non-pharmacological treatment options are implemented, socio-cultural and educational diversity makes it challenging to develop a standardised cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) protocol," she said.

"Playing traditional Indian games, drawing rangoli or kolam patterns, and singing bhajans are culturally relevant activities incorporated into the CST. Ayurveda as a personalised system of holistic medicine has long been accepted in India," she asserted.

According to the paper, families in India are recognised as capable of therapeutic participation. "Family members share close kinship links, and this extends to the close engagement with the care process. Social relationships over several members of extended families and social networks that are an outcome of such systems have a largely protective influence in dementia care. However, gender-based disparity in cognitive health is evident," the paper stated.

Free tests for people with memory loss and dementia

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Nightingales Medical Trust has organised free tests for senior citizens with severe memory loss and dementia.

The event will be organised on September 21 to mark World Alzheimer's Day at NightingalesTrust DayCare at Jayanagar. Free online memory screening for senior citizens is also planned until the end of October.

A press release stated that as per the Dementia India report - 2020, 5.3 million people above the age of 60 have dementia.

The number is expected to double in 20 years. In Bengaluru, it is estimated that over 46,000 senior citizens are living with dementia.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is negotiating to purchase the schedule property from **Smt.S.Sujatha Lakshmi** wife of late S.Ramanna resident at No.58, 6th Cross, Near Christ School, Bharathi Layout, S.G.Palya, Bengaluru.

Anyone opposing the sale of the schedule property claiming any manner of right, title or interest, may do so within **10 days** of this notice, by lodging the objections with supporting documents with the undersigned, failing which the transactions will be completed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion, of property, bearing Old No.88/1, New No.60/4, **2nd Cross, New Extension, Chikka Adugodi, Suddgunte Palya** ward No. 152, P.I.D. No. 66-39-60/4, Bengaluru, measuring Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet, with building standing thereon and being bounded on the : **East by: H.Krishna Reddy's Property, West by: Road, North by Northern portion of Property No.60/4, South by: Site No.59.**

C.K.SAIRAM, B.Sc.LLM
ADVOCATE,
No.27, Thoppe Mudaliar Street,
Shivajinagar, Bengaluru- 560 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, Mrs. Rama Ravindranath W/o Mr. Ravindranath who is predecessor-in-title our clients Mr. S.W INAYATHULLA KHAN S/o Late. S. Abdul Wahab and Mr. MOHAMMED SAMEEULLAH S/o Mr. Mohammed Shoukathulla have lost original Sale Deed dated 24.09.2002, bearing Document No. 9316/2002-03, Book 1, of volume 2682 at pages 26 to 30, stored in CD No.58, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram, Bangalore pertaining to the Site No. 42, Property No. 84/63/642, New Katha SI.No.754, Property 58, Nos. 31 and 32/1, situated at Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, presently under BBMP limits and bounded on the: East by - Site No. 43, West by - Site No.41 North by-Road and South by- Private Property. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our clients and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Peddi Rama Mani & others** residents of Flat # A 207, Adithya Esquina, Sorahunaase Main Road, Varthur, Bangalore - 560087 intends to purchase schedule Property from Mr. Pappu Amarnath Reddy, having permanent residence at Kayalavandla Palli, Rangasamudram Post, P.T.M. Mandalam, Chitoor Dist, in respect of below mentioned schedule property. Any person, claiming to have any right, claim, minor claim/s over the property may lodge their claim to the undersigned with documentary proof on or before 3/10/2022 failing which my clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the schedule property. No claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Multistoried Building bearing No.163/4, BBMP Katha No.140/125/163/4, Situated at Hagaduru Village, K.R. PURAM Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West: 33 feet and North to South : 49 feet and bounded on

EAST By : Private property, WEST By : Property belongs to H.A.Gopal, NORTH By : Road, SOUTH By : property of A.M. Ramaiah.

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Tender Notice. No: 09/WWS/RYPS/2022, Dated: 20-09-2022

On behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ RYPS, South Central Railway, Wagon Workshop, Guntupalli- 521 241 invites the following e- tender.

S.No.: 01 Tender Notice No.: 09/WWS/RYPS/2022, dt: 20.09.2022 **Tender No.** GR/M/185/IMS/09/2022 **Name of the Work:** Re-Certification of Integrated Management System (IMS- QMS, EMS, OHSMS & EnMS) for wagon Workshop, Guntupalli of South Central Railway with latest versions of the standards **Duration of Certification:** 36 Months **Tender Value:** ₹ 9,08,600/- (Rupees Nine lakhs Eight thousand and Six hundred Rupees Only) **EMD:** 18,200/- (Rupees Eighteen Thousand and Two hundred only) **Cost of Tender Document** : Free of Cost **Similar nature of work:** Not Applicable **Type of Tender:** Works Tender governed by IRGCC-2022 **System of Tendering:** Open Tender- Single Packet **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days **Tender Document & Corrigendum if any:** "http://www.ireps.gov.in" **Last Date for Submission of e-tenders: Date** : 14-10-2022, Time :Up to 15-00 Hrs **Date and time of opening of e-tenders:** Date: 14-10-2022, Time : 15-15 Hrs.

Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, A1113 Wagon Workshop/Guntupalli

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

E-mail : info@telecomhousing.org Website : www.telecomhousing.org Regd. No. ARB 1(B)Regn/3176/74-75
TELECOM EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED
No. 43, 'Balaku', Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park (West), Bengaluru-560 020. Ph. 080-2346 4655 / 2346 4556

42nd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the 42nd Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the year 2021-22 will be held on Sunday the **25th September 2022 at 10.30 AM** at Palace Sheesh Mahal, Palace Grounds, Gate No.7, Bellary Road, Bengaluru – 560 080. Sri G. Babu, President of the Society will preside. All the Members and Associate Members are requested to kindly attend. Meeting notice is already sent by post.

For and on behalf of the Board of Management
Sd/- Secretary
Telecom Employees' Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, Bengaluru-560020

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 15.09.2022

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12728/CALL-2 Date: 19.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Design, supply, retrofitting, testing & commissioning of 3200A, Breakers & 3200A bus duct with Numerical protection Relay for Unit # 1 & 2 AHP Dry system** from reputed firms/ organisations/ contractors. Last date for receipt of tenders: **07.10.2022 upto 16.30 Hrs.** For more details please visit website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (OLA)E**, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96537, e-mail: eeolaertpskpcl@kamataka.gov.in

INSTITUTE OF NANO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MOHALI
(An Autonomous Research Institute of Department of Science and Technology, GOI)
Knowledge City, Sector 81, SAS Nagar, Mohali-140306, Punjab

F. No. 14(3)/2022-INST Date: 20.09.2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (JRF) UNDER "SERB" FUNDED PROJECT

Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) invites applications for engagement of JRF on contractual basis under project entitled "Development of upconversion/down-shifting luminescent ink with lanthanide doped bismuth based nanomaterials for anti-counterfeiting applications". **Last date of receipt of application: 4th October, 2022.** For details, candidate may visit **http://inst.ac.in/careers**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH HASSAN
District Health & Family Welfare Office, Hassan
Email: dhohassan@gmail.com Ph: 08172-246832

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Repair and Painting of Medical Equipmens, Furniture and Linen Items As Per Tender Specification Karnataka e-Procurement 1.Tender Reference: SUP No.EST(4)HDH/TENDER/36/2020-21 Dated: 16-09-2021 2.Items tender as per double bid cover Repair and Painting of Medical Equipmens, Furniture and Linen Items at Various hospitals of Hassan Dist 3.Tender Processing Fee As per e-procurement portal 4.Last date of submission of application through procurement Date: 03-10-2022 till 05:30 P.M. 5.Date of Opening of Tender Cover Date: 06-10-2022 at 12.00 P.M. DHO Office, Hassan (Technical Bid) (If declared as holiday next working day) 6.Date of Opening of Financial Cover: Date: 10-10-2022 at 04.00 P.M. DHO Office Hassan 6.EMD In Favour of District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan 7.EMD Amount 1.75 Lakhs 8.Approximate Tender Amount Rs.70.00 Lakh More Details, www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in The Tender accepting authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender without assigning any reasons there off. The details in this regard may be obtained from the office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan.

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Hassan

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/3622 DATE: 17/09/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Retender from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements. Amount put to tender is Rs. 80.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events :1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 23-09-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 26-09-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 28-09-2022 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-878/BCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, VIJAYAPUR

No: DUDC-5/Indira Canteen/Tender/CR-01/2021-22 Dated.16.09.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Commissioner Vijayapur District Vijayapur invites, in two cover system tender from eligible tenderers for providing catering service for Indira Canteen at Urban Local Bodies of Vijayapur District, Package wise service as details below.

1) **Description of work:** Package No: 1 Providing catering service of 4 Indira canteen in city corporation Vijayapur District Vijayapur in Karnataka as per price schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal (**Indent No DMA/2021-22/IND12799/CALL-2). Approximate Value of good& service per year, amount Rs. 416.10 Lakhs. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) Rs.6.24 Lakhs. Delivery schedule: As given Tender Document.**

2) **Description of work:** Package No: 2 Providing catering service of 4 Indira canteen in Urban Local Bodies in District Vijayapur in Karnataka as per price schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal (**Indent No DMA/2021-22/IND12804/CALL-2). Approximate Value of good& service per year, amount Rs. 291.27 Lakhs. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) Rs.4.37 Lakhs. Delivery schedule: As given Tender Document.**

Interested eligible tenderers can download and participate through E-Procurement Platform (www.eproc.karnatakagov.in) EMD and Tender Processing fees can be remitted through E-Procurement Portal only.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for submission and uploading of completed tender documents **03.10.2022 16.30 hrs (2)** Opening of Technical Bid **04.10.2022 17.00 hrs (3)** Opening of Financial Bid **25.10.2022, 17.30 hrs**

For any information contract No: 08352-222988 Email: Itstaff_dudc_bijapur@yahoo.co.in

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur District, Vijayapur

ಜಾಹೀರಾತು/ಟೆಂಡರ್/425/ಎಂಸಿ/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ ವಿಭಾಗ – ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಸಂ:ಕಾ.ಇಂ/ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ/ಎಇ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:/15/ /2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-09-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ (E-Proc) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ತಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-3 ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ
1	**ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–01:** ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾ: ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ಸ.ಪ್ರೌ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ (ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ) 1 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಬಾಚಿಕಾಡು ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –2 ಕೊಠಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –2 ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ –(2ನೇ ಕರೆ)	71.74	1.43	6 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)
2	**ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–02:** ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾ: ಎಮ್ಮೆಮಾಡು ಸ.ಪ್ರೌ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಪದಿಯಾಣಿ ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –2 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಚಿರಿಯಪರಂಬು ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಬೆಯ್ಮಂಡಾಣೆ ಸ.ಹಿ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ–1 ಕೊಠಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಾಲಾಡಿ ಸ.ಕ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1 ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ – (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)	68.53	1.37	6 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)
3	**ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–03:** ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾ: ಕೊಯನಾಡು ಸ.ಕ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1, ಕೊಠಡಿ, ತಾವೂರು ಸ.ಕ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ–1 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಅಮಚೂರು ಪೆರಾಜೆ ಸ.ಕ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1 ಕೊಠಡಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಕುಂಡಾಡು ಪೆರಾಜೆ ಸ.ಕ.ಪ್ರಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ –1 ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ – (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)	55.44	1.11	6 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)

1) ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26–09–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27–09–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 29–09–2022 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ

ಸೂಚನೆ: ಇತರೇ ಪರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು

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O.S. No. 26110 of 2020

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Represented by his GPA Holder T.M. ABDUL SAMAD, aged about 38 years, R/at No. 21-4-580/1, Nisarga, Near Yenmikere Ground, Bolar, Mangalore-575003... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1. KONDATH PRADEEP KUMAR MENON, S/o Late K.P. Surendranth, aged about 48 years, **2. PRIYA JOSEPH MENON** D/o Late K.P. Surendranath, aged about 53 years, **3. KONDATH PRAVEEN KUMAR MENON,** S/o Late K.P. Surendranath, aged about 56 years, R/at No. 79/8C Sunny Brooks, 11th Street, Next to Wipro Corporate Office, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru-560 035. **4. Mr. SHAMSHEER,** S/o K P Ahamed, aged about 38 years, R/at No. 14/1, Shameera Manzil, Candale Garden, Near Woodland Hotel, Kodaibail Post, Mangalore-575003... **DEFENDANTS**

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37 PSUs incurred loss of ₹6,103 cr., says report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka's 37 public sector undertakings (PSUs) incurred losses to the tune of ₹6,103.96 crore for the fiscal year ending March 2020, according to a Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) report.

In all, Karnataka has 120 PSUs employing 2.04 lakh employees. A total of 107 PSUs are working and 13 are not functional.

It said 54 PSUs earned a profit of ₹2,729.91 crore as per their latest finalised accounts as of December 2020, the CAG compliance audit report tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday said.

The major profit earning firms were KPCL (₹1,209.56 crore), and KRIDL (₹293.94 crore), while major loss making firms were RPCL (₹2,084.95 crore), and GESCOM (₹987.59 crore).

"The working PSUs registered a turnover of ₹74,922.04 crore as on December 2020. This turnover was equal to 4.60% of the GDP for 2019-20," the report said.

For startups

The CAG found that the release of ₹6.51 crore to 28 startups by the Karnataka Innovation Technology Society (KITS) under the Idea2PoC initiative was "irregular" as KPMG, the implementing partner, did not make available evaluation reports.

Further, under the Grand Challenge initiative, KITS incurred an expenditure of ₹4.13 crore that "did not yield the intended results". That is because the programme was "practically abandoned" after a pilot and none of the innovative solutions were scaled up for adoption by the host department, the report said.

Only 17% of targeted 5.17 lakh houses built in State: CAG report

The Centre withheld ₹1,003.55 crore due to non-fulfilment of prescribed condition by the State government and due to shortfall in collection of beneficiary contribution

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of a housing complex constructed by the Karnataka Slum Development Board in Bengaluru.

The Housing Department has only completed 88,395 dwelling units (DUs), which constituted 17%, against the target of 5,17,531 DUs, for the urban poor as on March, 2021, in Karnataka, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has found.

The CAG report on 'Housing Schemes for Urban Poor in Karnataka' of the year 2022, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, noted that under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and Beneficiary Led Individual House Construction (BLC) of the Housing Department, projects were taken up for 5,17,531 beneficiaries out of the 13,71,592 prospective beneficiaries (38%) identified through demand survey as on March 2021.

As against the approved 5,17,531 DUs, only 88,395 DUs (17%) were completed as of March 2021. The construction of 3,28,499 DUs (63%) were yet to be (March 2021) commenced indicating that achieving the mission goal of Housing for All by 2022 was a difficult prospect.

The CAG report said the demand survey for assessing the requirement of housing for urban poor was not effective and carried the risk of exclusion of eligible beneficiaries as only 13.72 lakh beneficiaries were identified in the survey as against 20.35 lakh people requiring affordable housing in Karnataka Housing Policy, 2016. The report also flagged the deficiency in the selection of beneficiaries and said 44% of the actual beneficiaries were not even part of the prospective beneficiary list derived from the demand survey. "This resulted in extension of scheme benefits to ineligible beneficiaries such as those with annual income ₹3 lakh and those already having pucca houses." The Centre withheld ₹1,003.55 crore due to non-fulfilment of prescribed condition by the State government and due to shortfall in collection of beneficiary contribution and ULB share of ₹8,360.78 crore. "This resulted in cancellation of AHP projects and non-provision of civic infrastructure for completed houses envisioned under the scheme," the CAG said.

INBRIEF

Open access digital repository of academic resources unveiled

BENGALURU
'Anuvada Sampada,' touted as a first-of-its-kind open access digital repository of academic resources translated from English to Indian languages, was unveiled by Azim Premji University here on Tuesday. Aimed at making these resources freely and widely available to students, teachers, teacher educators, etc., across the country, the repository has close to 2,000 academic resources and growing and is currently available in Hindi and Kannada.
The translations repository was launched by Indu Prasad, the Vice Chancellor of Azim Premji University.

Man steals mobile, debit card from PG resident to avail loan

BENGALURU
The Wilson Garden police are on the lookout for a man who stole a private firm employee's mobile phone and debit card from the paying guest (PG) accommodation he was living in. The accused met the victim, Sethuram, at the accommodation and agreed to stay in his room to share the rent. He spent a few hours and while Sethuram was busy , the accused picked up the mobile phone and debit card and escaped. Minutes later, the accused, using the mobile phone and debit card, applied for a quick loan of ₹3.2 lakh and managed to withdrew ₹1.3 lakh before Sethuram got the account frozen.

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Education and skill fair at BIEC from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 12th edition of Didac India, the largest education fair in Asia, will be held in the city between September 21 and 23 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). The event, which is hosted by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka is being organised by India Didactics Association with Union Ministry of Education, NITI Ayog and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The fair will be attended by education ministers from 15 countries and 10 States. The Asian Summit on Education and Skills will also take place simultaneously at the BIEC on September 20, 21.

Escoms suffered losses due to delayed works, award of contract to ineligible firms: CAG

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Electricity Supply Companies (Escoms) in Karnataka delayed by 12 to 37 months completion of various works under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and awarded contracts to ineligible firms violating the prevailing rules, said The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.

The CAG report "DDUGJY/Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bilji Har Ghar Yojana" for the year 2022, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, noted that there was compromise in the quality of material used in electrical works. Escoms had incurred an additional expenditure of ₹225.49 crore owing to delay in the execution of works. Delay in availability of lands and in availing clearances from forest and railways caused breach of timelines for completion of work and deferring the envisaged benefits to the beneficiaries, it said.

Escoms incurred additional expenditure of ₹26.42 crore on project management consultants due to fixation of higher fees than that stipulated under the scheme. Escoms incurred extra expenditure of ₹39.67 crore on procurement of material at higher rates over and above the Central procurement prices. The contracts were extended without levying a penalty of ₹3 crore on the defaulting contractors in violation of the general conditions of contracts/ terms of detailed work award, defeating the purpose of inclusion of penal clause in the contract to act as deterrent on non-performing contractors. Although Escoms achieved targets, there were cost and time overruns due to deficiencies in planning and implementation whereby the envisaged benefits had either been deferred or not been achieved in true terms, the report said.

Police officer receives sextortion call

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Assistant Commissioner of Police, VVIP Security, filed a complaint with cyber crime police after he received a call from fraudsters attempting sextortion. Vaijanath, said the girl started sending objectionable messages and threatened to upload videos on social media.

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INBRIEF

'CID probing recruitment of fake teachers during 2015-16'

BENGALURU
Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh on Tuesday told the Assembly that about 40 teachers were illegally recruited in Bengaluru division during 2015-16, during the tenure of Congress leader Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru division alone, and a CID probe has been ordered into illegal recruitment of teachers in the State. In a reply to P. Rajeev (BJP), Mr. Nagesh said that during a probe by the SSLC Board director, it was revealed that about 40 school teachers have been recruited without eligibility in Bengaluru division alone. Teachers had neither written entrance examinations nor applied for the post. A total 1,689 were teachers recruited during 2105-16.

No rolling back of APMC Act amendments, says Minister

BENGALURU
The State government on Tuesday stated that it will not withdraw the amendments brought to APMC act in May 2020. Replying in the Council to a question posed by Congress member Nagaraj Yadav, Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekar said: "We will not withdraw the amendments because nobody has come forward to complain about the amendments."

Ire against Coffee Board for not responding to growers

BENGALURU
Mudigere MLA (BJP) urged the government in the Assembly to take steps for dissolution of the Coffee Board since it was not responding to the distress caused to coffee growers in three districts. Many growers suffered crop loss owing to rain and the Board has not come forward to provide financial support. Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the government would write to the Board to conduct crop loss survey again.

From Page One

Shivamogga police book two under UAPA

Another accused Sharik of Soppu Gudde in Tirthahalli is absconding.

Shivamogga Rural police had registered a case against the accused under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The two were on Tuesday presented before the court, which remanded them in police custody till September 29. It is said that the police got information about them while investigating the stabbing case reported during the clashes over displaying V.D. Savarkar's photo in Shivamogga city.

Shivamogga Superintendent of Police B.M. Laxmi Prasad told the media that Maj Muneer and Sharik were accused of writing objectionable graffiti in Mangaluru in 2020 and had been arrested.

Meanwhile, Ayub Khan, the father of Syed Yasin, told the media that his son had been missing for more than 15 days. The police did not receive his missing report, but he received a phone call from the police about his arrest on Monday night.

In Mangaluru, Maj Muneer's father, Muneer Ahmed, sent an email to Mangaluru East police on September 17 saying his son has been missing since September 14 afternoon.

Decision on 2A quota after backward classes commission report: CM

'The commission has toured 13 districts and it will tour 13 more to study the socio-economic backwardness of communities, including Valmiki Samaj, Gowda Lingayat, and Panchamasali'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will take a decision on providing reservation to various communities, including the Panchamasali (a subsect of Veerashaiva-Lingayats) under 2A of OBC quota, based on the report of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly.

In reply to Basanagouda Patil Yatnal (BJP), who has been demanding reservation to the Panchamasali community under 2A of OBC quota, Mr. Bommai said the Backward Classes Commission has been collecting data on educational and employment status of the community. The commission has been studying the demand of other backward communities in the State, he said. The Commission has already toured 12-13 districts and it would tour 13 more to study the socio-economic backwardness of various communities, including Valmiki Samaj, Gowda Lingayat, and Panchamasali.

Basanagouda Patil Yatnal (BJP) and Lakshmi Hebbalkar (Congress) in the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Bommai said aspirations of many communities have increased and the reservation was one method of fulfilling those aspirations. "Recommendations of two committees before us. We have to take a collective decision to ensure social harmony," he said.

The reservation would be given to communities only after scientific study. Then it will remain valid," he said. Dissatisfied with the reply, Mr. Yatnal and Congress member Lakshmi Hebbalkar walked into the well of the House and sought justice to backward communities.

Panchamasali Peetha seer blames BSY

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Seer of Lingayat Panchamasali Peetha, Sri Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami, who is spearheading the movement seeking inclusion of Panchamasali community under 2A category, on Tuesday accused former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa as the man who was "preventing" the fulfilment of their demand.

Sri Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami, who led a protest march and daylong sit-in before the residence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Shiggaon of Haveri district on Tuesday, alleged that Mr. Yediyurappa was apprehensive about Mr. Bommai "permanently becoming a Lingayat leader" if he fulfilled the promise of giving 2A reservation to the Panchamasali community.

PSI scam: Cong. seeks judicial probe and resignation of Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The alleged scam in recruitment of police sub-inspectors generated heat in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday with the Opposition Congress members staging a dharna in the House seeking a judicial probe and demanding the resignation of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra.

Even before Home Minister Araga Jnanendra began his reply to the debate on the PSI recruitment scam, Congress members trouped into the well of the House and commenced a dharna against the government accusing it of trying to protect those behind the scam.

The protesting members started shouting slogans against the government forcing the Home Minister to wind up his reply. Mr. Jnanendra said the government had an open mind on the allegations of irregularities and that it was not trying to protect anyone. He said he was proud that the inquiry was being conducted in a transparent manner and noted that 26 police personnel and 48 candidates had been arrested so far.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah in the Assembly on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Taunting the Congress, he said, "Congress worker and bluetooth kingpin (one of methods of malpractices adopted in PSI recruitment examination was use of bluetooth) R.D. Patil had been arrested and his bank accounts with more than ₹8 crore deposits had been seized. Gold from his bank lockers too had been seized." He said 16 members had been arrested with respect to the teachers' recruitment scam that took place during the Congress regime.

Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri adjourned the House for the day as the protesting members continued to shout slogans against the government.

CM, Siddaramaiah spar

The Assembly witnessed heated exchange between Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Mr. Siddaramaiah over the scam.

Mr. Bommai took exception when Mr. Siddaramaiah, who visited the protesting PSI post candidates in Bengaluru before the debate, said the candidates' parents had sent foodgrain grown by them to be handed over to the government in a symbolic gesture that it should be considered as a gift given by them. "You are an event manager," the Chief Minister told Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Reacting to this, Mr. Siddaramaiah remarked, "The BJP is targeting me politically. But this will only benefit me and my party. The more you target me, the more beneficial it will be for me."

Notice to Priyank

Mr. Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders took serious exception to the government issuing notice to Congress MLA Priyank Kharge, asking him to appear before the investigating agency, for addressing a press conference about the PSI recruitment scam.

Nirani blames officer for delaying paperwork of his sugar factory

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The battle of words between Opposition and treasury benches ensued during Question Hour

The Legislative Council on Tuesday plunged into chaos for sometime and Sugar Minister Shankar Patil Munenkoppa was left red-faced after one of his Cabinet colleagues accused an official of delaying paperwork for his sugar factory while a former Cabinet Minister and BJP member pointed out the delay in signing agreements for ethanol sales, handing out ammunition to the Opposition to attack the government.

The battle of words between the Opposition and treasury benches ensued during Question Hour when the Sugar Minister was responding to a question by Sunil Vallyapure on the ethanol production in sugar factories in Kalyana Karnataka region.

When the Minister was speaking about setting up of a committee to suggest a ethanol policy, former Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi pointed out the delay in signing agreement for sale of ethanol, which could have helped sugar factories in clearing farmers' dues.

Even as the Minister was clarifying about the delay citing that it was oil marketing companies that had to purchase the ethanol, Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani intervened and took the name of Sugar Secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey. "It has been two years since Nirani Sugars, owned by me, took Pandavapura Sugar mill on lease. We invested ₹50 crore without an agreement. Despite directions from the Chief Minister, the agreement is yet to happen. I do not know whether being a Minister I should say this or not."

The Opposition members sprang up, and Congress Chief Whip Prakash Rathod challenged the Minister to resign or suspend the official if he had the guts, drawing angry reaction from BJP members.

'Will consider special industrial policy for KK'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will consider coming up with special industrial policy for Kalyana Karnataka region, Minister N. Nagaraju (MTB) told the Council. Responding to BJP member Sashil Namoshi, the Minister said that the Karnataka Industrial Policy already offers sops for industrial development in the region that houses about 8,950 industries curently. Mr. Namoshi pointed out special industrial policies in Vidharba, Kutch and Telangana among others who benefit from Article 371.

Drive against unsafe protein powders in gyms

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The government will launch a special drive to create awareness among fitness enthusiasts who frequent gyms about the side effects of unmonitored and unsafe consumption of protein powders, Ministers J.C. Madhuswamy and K. Sudhakar said. In response to a query by Sathish Reddy (BJP), they said steps would be taken to check illegal sale of protein powders in gyms.

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Bill passed to simplify issue of e-Khata

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a relief to families constructing houses in rural areas, the Assembly on Tuesday passed the Karnataka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, for exempting taking approval for building plans in rural areas from the Department of Town and Country Planning and for matters related to it.

The Bill removed technical difficulties in obtaining plan sanctions in the areas which do not fall in the jurisdiction of local planning authorities. It replaced an ordinance promulgated earlier. The Department of Town and Country Planning has been denying e-Khata citing that families constructed houses without leaving sufficient space for roads and other amenities. Before the introduction of e-Khata in 2006, the authorities issued manual khata to households. The Bill simplified the issue of e-Khata, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORIAM

G. Kasturi
17-12-1924 — 21-09-2012

REMEMBRANCE

SRI.T.K.VARADARAJAN, Prathama Acharyapurusha T.T.D., S/o Late Smt.Ranganayaki & Late Sri T.K.Srinivasa Thathachari, Advocate, Madras, departed this day 2010. Dear Brother, Parents affectionately remembered.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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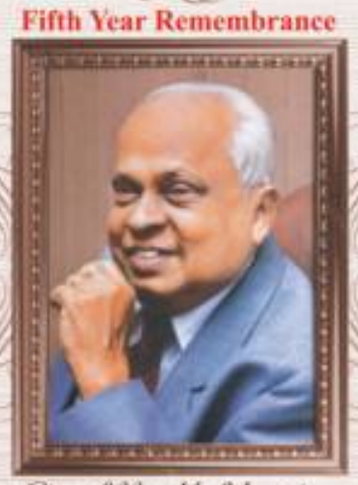
IT'S HARD TO FORGET SOMEONE
WHO GAVE YOU SO MUCH TO REMEMBER

Fifth Year Remembrance



Shri. M. K. Unnithan
(1932 -2017)
FOUNDER CHAIRMAN
SANKAR GROUP OF COMPANIES
Fondly Remembered and Revered by Family Members
SANKAR

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

N. RAMAMOORTHY, B.Com, B.L., FCA
28-05-1963 - 21-09-2018
"Forever in our Hearts & Souls"
Father – Mother – Wife – Son – Daughter-In-Law – Brother – Sisters
'Sundaram', No.14, 54th Street, Ashok Nagar, Chennai - 600 083

INBRIEF

Anti-rabies vaccination drives have started: Kerala Minister

Kerala Minister for Local Self-Governments M.B. Rajesh said here on Tuesday that many local bodies in the State had already started vaccination drives against rabies. Though it was decided to hold the vaccination drive from September 20 to October 20, many local bodies started the drive from September 15, he said.

TTD gets ₹1.02 crore-worth donation from Muslim couple

Chennai-based Muslim couple Subeena Banu and Abdul Ghani on Tuesday made donations worth ₹1.02 crore to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). They donated furniture and utensils worth ₹87 lakh for the newly constructed Sri Padmavati rest house and a demand draft for ₹15 lakh for S.V. Anna Prasadam Trust. The couple handed over the demand draft (DD) to TTD Executive Officer A.V. Dharma Reddy inside the temple.

12 more Sri Lankan nationals arrive in Dhanushkodi

Twelve more Sri Lankan Tamils, including six children, who made a clandestine journey to Dhanushkodi, were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard near Rameswaram on Tuesday. The Sri Lankan nationals, belonging to three families, were dropped at the fourth islet under the Dhanushkodi police station limits, in the early hours of Tuesday. A hovercraft of the Indian Coast Guard rescued three men, three women and six children from the islet.

'Students goaded into wearing hijab to school by PFI'

No student was insisting on hijab till 2022, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta tells Supreme Court Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The State of Karnataka in the Supreme Court on Tuesday said students were goaded into wearing hijab to school by the Popular Front of India (PFI) through social media messages.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that students had not insisted on wearing hijab till 2022. Mr. Mehta said the agitation on hijab was part of a "larger conspiracy" orchestrated by the PFI to create social unrest. Now, other students are insisting on wearing saffron shawls to classrooms, he said.

Debate continues: The agitation on hijab was part of a larger conspiracy, Karnataka says in the Supreme Court. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Mehta said in 2022, agitations have sprang up with children insisting on hijab or saffron shawls.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave had wound up the petitioner side's submissions by arguing that the High Court had erred in testing the legality of wearing hijab in public places on the touchstone of "essential religious practice". Mr. Dave said it was the right of a Muslim woman to choose to cover her head.

Watch our exclusive video
hijab row explained
bit.ly/hijabrowvid

Sri Lankan Navy arrests eight T.N. fishermen

The Hindu Bureau
PUDUKOTTAI

Eight fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy in the early hours of Tuesday on the charge of trespassing into the territorial waters of the island nation.

The fishermen had set sail on a mechanised vessel from the Jegadapattinam fishing harbour in the district on Monday morning. Coastal Security Group sources said the fishermen were arrested around 2 a.m. on Tuesday, while fishing near Neduntheevu. They were taken along with their vessel to the Kankesanthurai naval base in Sri Lanka.

Letter to Jaishankar

Meanwhile, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin wrote to Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, requesting him to take steps to secure the release of all Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan custody.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD; POLLUTION DATA: CPCB; IMAGE: INSAT-3RD (TAKEN AT 18.30 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha and Marathwada. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.6	25.7	Kozhikode	—	32.8	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	33.8	25.5	Kurnool	—	31.6	24.6
Aizawl	9	28.0	21.5	Lucknow	—	33.6	25.3
Allahabad	—	32.2	24.8	Madurai	—	36.3	24.4
Bengaluru	—	27.9	19.1	Mangaluru	10.7	29.0	23.2
Bhopal	—	32.3	23.2	Mumbai	19	28.7	22.7
Bhubaneswar	2.8	31.8	24.5	Mysuru	—	29.8	20.4
Chandigarh	—	34.6	26.0	New Delhi	—	34.7	24.6
Chennai	21	34.4	25.1	Patna	2	33.3	25.3
Coimbatore	—	31.5	22.8	Port Blair	0.1	31.5	26.0
Dehradun	13	33.9	23.1	Puducherry	—	34.2	25.6
Gangtok	5	22.5	17.5	Pune	4.8	24.8	21.1
Goa	1	31.0	23.0	Raipur	39	30.4	22.0
Guwahati	0.6	35.8	25.8	Ranchi	50	26.2	21.9
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	5	26.0	17.1
Hyderabad	3	27.8	21.7	Shimla	48	—	17.2
Imphal	—	32.1	19.7	Srinagar	—	29.6	12.6
Jaipur	6	35.5	24.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	25.0
Kochi	0.2	30.4	25.4	Tiruchi	—	36.3	26.0
Kohima	—	27.4	17.5	Vijayawada	9	33.4	25.2
Kolkata	9	30.0	25.7	Visakhapatnam	26	30.4	24.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	—	12	32	66	68	
Bengaluru	7	16	48	44	143	
Chennai	3	34	87	88	76	
Delhi	33	69	—	154	312	
Hyderabad	8	2	117	34	44	
Kolkata	13	27	19	16	35	
Lucknow	7	73	43	86	71	
Mumbai	—	120	51	43	40	
Pune	—	29	81	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	19	43	45	50	66	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 196 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentrations in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Select Kerala varsity V-C in a week'

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In a move that could escalate his running feud with the government, Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has served Kerala University an ultimatum to nominate a member on the search-cum-selection committee for the next Vice-Chancellor within a week.

Raj Bhavan has shot off a letter to the university against the backdrop of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launching a scathing attack on the Governor for his "anti-communist propaganda". His terse comments were made at a public rally in Kannur, shortly after the Governor accused him of reneging on his assurance to refrain from acts that would "prejudice the interest of the office of the Chancellor".

In his letter, the Governor instructs the university to nominate a representative of the Senate on the selection committee within September 26. However, the university has decided to seek legal opinion on the issue, sources said.

The process of selecting the next Vice-Chancellor to succeed V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, whose tenure ends on October 24, has been embroiled in controversy.

Many reforms brought in to improve healthcare in A.P.: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Minister for Health, Medical and Family Welfare of Andhra Pradesh Vidadala Rajini has said that the State government has revolutionised the health sector by bringing in a slew of reforms in the past three years.

Responding to a query during the Question Hour in the Assembly at Velagapudi near here on Tuesday, Ms. Rajini said that the government had spent ₹5,099 crore on the *Aarogyasri* scheme in the last three years, benefiting 24,47,411 patients.

8.9 lakh beneficiaries

Ms. Rajini said that a financial support of more than ₹571 crore had been provided as the 'post-operative sustenance allowance' to over 8.9 lakh *Aarogyasri* beneficiaries.

She said 85.70% of the total population in the State is covered under the scheme as the government has extended the benefits to every family with an annual income less than ₹5 lakh. Health infrastructure is being created under the *Nadu-Nedu* programme, she said.

Apart from the primary healthcare services, she said, the government is committed to providing tertiary healthcare services. Several works undertaken at a cost of over ₹12,000 crore are expected to be completed by December, 2023, she said.

Ms. Rajini further said that 16 new medical colleges would be established in the State and 1,850 more MBBS seats would be made available.

All set to sail

Floating beauty: The Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation's mini cruise vessel 'Nefertiti' is ready for relaunch after servicing. The vessel can accommodate 200 people. It is complete with a banquet hall, lounge bar and restaurant. H VIBHU

Industrial growth, investor confidence are at an all-time high, says Jagan

Staff Reporter
GUNTUR

Investor confidence and industrial growth in the State are at an all-time high, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said, brushing aside criticism from the Telugu Desam Party as a 'smear campaign launched with the help of friendly media houses'.

"Despite the COVID-19 pandemic , investor confidence had remained high in Andhra Pradesh and the industrialists are happy. A.P. is topping the country in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) for the third consecutive year. In the EoDB ranking, 100 points are marked for the opinion of industrialists, and all of them have given a positive feedback on the friendly investor policies in our State. Even then, the TDP and the highly polarised media have not stopped spewing venom," said Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy, during a discussion in the Assembly on Monday .

Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

Referring to 'CAG data', the Chief Minister said that the State's finances are in sound health.

Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy began his address by stating that the Centre has come forward to give a bulk drug industry grant of ₹1,000 crore for which 17 States competed.

Drug industries

"The Centre has allotted only three bulk drug industries out of which A.P. has been allotted one while the other two have been allotted to Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh," Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy said.

"Like never before, the big-ticket companies have started looking towards A.P. and are coming to invest in the State," he said.

'When *Pushpa* and *Bahubali* can be pan India hits why can't KCR be?'

KTR feels KCR will succeed in national politics as he has already proved his worth in Telangana

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Citing the examples of the runaway success of Telugu films that swamped the country with their creative content, Minister for Municipal Administration K.T. Rama Rao says Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao too is on the way to capturing the imagination of the nation with his bold ideas of development and bolder vision of makinsg India a great economy.

"When Telugu films like *Pushpa*, *RRR* and *Bahubali* can create a storm in the country with fantastic content, what makes you think a Telugu man with a Bahubali vision for the country can't make it," he asked when questioned about the impediments to KCR's foray into national politics.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, he said he was confident of the success of his father's plan to launch a national party to defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Being the head of a regional party or hailing from a Southern State will not be an obstacle for a warrior like him. "He is a leader who proved himself by transforming an under-developed Telangana into the most progressive State in the country in a span of eight years. KCR has made the heads turn with his visionary administration and the country needs such an able leader," he argued.

Mr. Taraka Rama Rao, who is also the son of the Telangana Chief Minister, says the envious position in which Telangana has put itself in every aspect of development parameter and welfare is being keenly watched and appreciated. India needs leaders like Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao to steer it into a safety zone.

KPCC hopes to avoid a Gehlot-Tharoor contest for Congress president post

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) reportedly supposes that it might find itself in a spot if the leadership contest for the post of All India Congress Committee (AICC) president comes down to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Shashi Tharoor, MP.

Speculation about Mr. Tharoor's possible candidature reached a crescendo on Tuesday following reports that AICC president Sonia Gandhi did not object to him vying for the post.

Time for music: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi listening a 'chenda' ensemble in Alappuzha during the Bharat Jodo Yatra on Tuesday.

The Congress has been at pains to insist that the party has no official candidate. However, some sections in the KPCC viewed Mr. Gehlot as the establishment's choice if Rahul Gandhi chose to remain above the fray.

A senior leader said, optimally, the KPCC wanted to avoid a contentious organisational election that could draw public attention away from Mr. Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

A possible Gehlot-Tharoor contest was not advantageous for the party's cohesion in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

However, the "overwhelming support" for Mr. Gandhi would not preclude an election in the event of a contest.

He said 310 KPCC general body members would cast their votes secretly at the party's State headquarters in Indira Bhavan here.

Promising signs

Even if conditional, the NSCN(IM)'s peace intention breaks a deadlock

The decision by the insurgent Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah faction) to re-engage in talks with the Union government, conditionally, on the basis of the Framework Agreement signed in August 2015, is a welcome one. This breaks a deadlock that has persisted in talks since October 2019, which was set as a deadline for the peace accord. The possibility of a resumption of talks received a boost last week when the NSCN(IM) and other Naga groups represented in the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) pledged in a joint statement to "overcome the cynicism" and that they are "committed to a dialogue in order to move forward" the talks for an accord. With a group of legislators and Ministers from the State meeting up with the NSCN(IM)'s representatives – a step that has borne fruit – the stage is now set to take forward the talks, a process that seems to have been put on the backburner in October 2019. The Centre and the NSCN(IM) must review what went wrong since the Framework Agreement was reached in 2015 and the complexities that have remained since the landmark ceasefire agreement that was signed between the two parties in 1997.

One key factor preventing a comprehensive peace accord has been the splintered nature of the Naga insurgency and the need for the Centre to deal with groups other than the NSCN(IM). But the insurgency as a whole has weakened considerably over time and this has paved the way for talks to a negotiated accord. Second, the demands related to the greater "Nagalim", made by the NSCN(IM) apart from other rebels would have implications in other States, and this has complicated negotiations. Any agreement would have to be careful about not changing the boundaries of the existing States in the country as doing so could spark conflagrations in other North-east States where inter-ethnic relations remain volatile. While the machinations by the Centre in getting a deal done, especially the secretive nature of the talks, have played a part in the deadlock in talks, it is clear that the obdurate and intransigent demand for a separate flag and a Naga constitution by the NSCN(IM) has been a stumbling block as well. The spat between the former Governor and interlocutor R.N. Ravi and the NSCN(IM) also did not help matters. The differences of opinion on the aforementioned issues need to be dealt with directly by the representatives of the Naga groups and the Government. It is not enough to promise a solution for the sake of publicity.

Talking Governor

Kerala is witnessing an ugly spat between the Governor and the CM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan's outburst against the ruling Communist Party of India (Marxist) and its functionaries including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan marks an escalation in tensions between him and the elected government. Until now, Mr. Khan and Mr. Vijayan had maintained a functional relationship despite their apparent differences. At the heart of the current flare-up is Kannur University's controversial decision to appoint the wife of Mr. Vijayan's private secretary as an associate professor. Mr. Khan, who is also the chancellor of the university, has been critical of the move, but his decision to hold a full-length press conference crossed a line and damaged the majesty of his office. In the presser, Mr. Khan lashed out at CPI(M) functionaries and labelled some of their actions as being anti-national, nepotism, and anti-social. As an unelected appointee of the Centre, a Governor of a State is expected to appreciate the popular mandate of the elected government. By going public with his views, Mr. Khan has precipitated a situation which should have been avoided. The CPI(M) and other parties in the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), led by Mr. Vijayan have reciprocated the Governor's feelings, making the exchange a nasty episode. Among other things, representatives of the ruling front have called Mr. Khan an unhinged agent of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Mr. Khan could have raised his concerns, however valid as he might deem them to be, with Mr. Vijayan rather than triggering a completely avoidable public spat.

Mr. Khan's unprecedented public criticism of the elected government is incongruous with the high office that he holds, but the issues that he has raised put the ruling front on the defensive. One can debate whether a Governor is mandated to enforce standards of governance, but Mr. Khan is evidently not restrained. He had raised a hue and cry over the practice of State pensions to political appointees who serve as personal staff of Ministers for 30 months. Mr. Khan has now locked horns with the LDF over governance questions related to universities and the crippling of the Lok Ayukta, the anti-corruption ombudsman that might lose its powers to punish to the State Assembly. The Governor has made it clear that he will not be signing two Acts, one related to higher education and one on Lok Ayukta. Regardless of the Assembly's powers to make such laws, the moral case for doing so is rather tenuous. Electoral majority is the foundation of representative democracy, but institutional checks and balances are also its integral parts. The elected government and the Governor should both pipe down, and discuss these questions in a calm manner with the objective of seeking solutions and advancing the State's development.

Positioning India in a chaotic world

M.K. Narayanan

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India's foreign policy mandarins are all set to go into overdrive in the wake of new challenges. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting (September 15-16) in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, was a test case for governments on how to deal with current conflicts and attempt new guidelines for the future. Along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi were Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese Premier Xi Jinping, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and the leaders of Pakistan and other SCO nations. The special significance of this in-person SCO meeting lay in the fact that it was taking place when the world stood at the crossroads, in the wake of the Russia-Ukrainian conflict.

Mr. Xi's initial remarks to Mr. Putin on the sidelines of the conference signalled the divided nature of the world today. Even as the leaders emphasised the strengthening of their ties in defiance of the West, Mr. Xi's remarks that 'China is willing to make efforts with Russia to assume the role of great powers, and play a guiding role to inject stability and positive energy into a world rocked by social turmoil' were pregnant with many meanings. Mr. Putin's response further underlined the extent of global disruption taking place today, and the wide chasm that separated the two warring blocs.

New version of non-alignment

India's presence at the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO was significant, reflecting a desire to be a part of both blocs, without antagonising either. The justification provided is that it represented a 'new version' of Non-alignment, *viz.*, steering an independent course, despite open association with rival blocs. At the meeting, Mr. Modi made certain significant observations which mirror India's new version of Non-alignment. For instance, after refusing to take sides in the Ukrainian conflict for months, Mr. Modi told Mr. Putin that "this isn't the era of war", stressing instead that "it was one of democracy, dialogue and diplomacy". This has been interpreted as a mild rebuke of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. On the other hand, in his formal opening remarks at the summit, Mr. Modi thanked both Russia and Ukraine for the evacuation of Indian students from Ukraine, highlighting India's posture of equidistance between the two countries.

The philosophical underpinning for this seems to be that 'Nonalignment of the past' had not succeeded, and a way had to be found for "multiple engagements of the future". Mr. Modi's presence at this SCO summit is possibly the earliest test case of this unfolding strategy, given that it is only recently that the United States and other western allies had complimented India for its participation in the Quad (Australia, Japan, India and the U.S.). Whether India can make out a case for 'mixing utopia with reality' under the label of 'multi alignment' is yet to be seen, but it does provide grist to an idea being floated that this provides leeway for India to play a much bigger role in 'managing conflict'.

It would be interesting to see whether this SCO summit will pave the way for India to exploit other situations created by political contradictions and use them to its advantage. A test case is India's relations with Iran which have been on the backburner for some time, following a U.S. threat to impose sanctions on India if it continued to trade with Iran. Iran's President appears to have floated a suggestion to hold a summit meeting with India's Prime Minister, and the ball is apparently in India's court. The cost to India on account of the freeze in relations with Iran has been high, including having to pay higher prices for crude and the inability to utilise the Chabahar Connectivity Project as an alternate route to Afghanistan.

As of now, all this seems at best, to be 'work in progress'. Meantime, however, India's foreign policy is increasingly appearing passive rather than active. Less important events such as abstaining from voting in the United Nations on the Ukraine issue are being touted as policy, ignoring the fact that this has contributed little to peace in Ukraine nor led to a lessening of tensions. This is also the case in our immediate neighbourhood, whether it be Sri Lanka or Afghanistan, where India's foreign policy prescriptions look better on paper than in reality. A preoccupation with Pakistan and constant references to terrorism have kept India's domestic population happy and satisfied, but this does not translate into an effective foreign policy.

Refashioning India's foreign policy has become vital at a time when India is facing a confluence of old and new situations and threats, which often intersect. Such a situation may not be unique, but the nature of rivalries and present global undercurrents makes this extremely tricky. It may require a major overhaul of how we interpret regional and international tensions that have increased. For India, this poses a whole new paradigm of challenges, and it is important for India not to become the odd man out, as patterns change. New priorities need to be devised without squandering the past inheritance of managing to remain independent of conflicting blocs.

Ties with China

Jettisoning an erroneous belief that prevails among some sections of India's foreign policy establishment, *viz.*, that the erstwhile policy of Non-alignment had done little to enhance India's image, should be the beginning, followed by deeper introspection before effecting fundamental changes in the policy of Non-alignment. While, China today presents an acute 'near-term problem' for India, it is important that India does not fall into the trap that the current adversarial relationship with China is 'carved in stone', and can or never will be altered. India's foreign policy should be creative enough to leave an opening for an improvement in India-China relations over the longer term.

Again, the intensity of the current conflict between India and China should not lead India's strategic establishment to overlook the fact that the primary conflict between India and China is 'civilizational', and not for territory. The two countries may never have a 'lips and teeth relationship', but given the history of nations there is enough scope for India to formulate a policy that would not completely close the doors on China for all time. Hence, India's foreign policy mandarins must look for opportunities for the betterment of relations at an opportune time, which could well arise when China's economy begins to stall and India's economy (in-line with the expectations of economists worldwide) rises, moderating China's current aggressive behaviour.

Refashioning relations with China over the longer term is important, but attention also needs to be given on how to manage relations in the near term in the context of the growing closeness in China-Russia relations. As their relations become closer, they have the potential of adversely impacting the current warmth in India-Russia relations. Our foreign policy experts need to consider how best to manage the relationship with both Russia and China in the extant circumstances. The watchword here again is that there is no permanence in the nature of relationships among nations, more so with the so-called Big Powers.

Nuclear dimension

An issue that has remained on the backburner for years may now need consideration in the context of the Ukraine-Russia conflict, *viz.*, the nuclear dimension. Seldom mentioned, but present nevertheless like Banquo's Ghost, are concerns about the possible use of nuclear weapons that have been raised in the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. India, no doubt, has been a firm adherent of the 'No First Use Doctrine', and while nuclear relationships involving India, China and Pakistan have remained remarkably subdued over many years, India's strategic and foreign policy establishment cannot afford to overlook the nuclear aspect, given that the country is wedged between two active, and hostile, nuclear powers – China and Pakistan.

Nuclear stability, as we have known for some years now, could well change in the near future. What cannot also be ignored in this context is the growing sophistication of Chinese nuclear forces, and to a lesser extent that of Pakistan, which has the effect of putting India at a disadvantage with both predictable and unpredictable consequences. India's new foreign policy imperatives cannot again afford to ignore this aspect, even though at present India is the only one among the three that does not see nuclear weapons as intended for use in the event of a war. Nevertheless, it behoves India's strategic and foreign policy establishment to consider how best to prevent 'debilitating strategic instability' – with regard to China in particular – given the pace at which China's nuclear arsenal is growing.

Hence, navigating the coming decade promises to be extremely demanding, if not dangerous, with old fashioned geopolitical risks jostling alongside newer political challenges. It demands a total transformation of the way India's foreign policy planners look at issues today. It may well necessitate giving up many of the existing policy constructs, providing for a wider outreach, and ensuring that our policy is not merely in step with current needs but is always a step ahead.

With old fashioned geo-political risks jostling alongside newer political challenges, India's foreign policy planners need to refashion the way they look at issues

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Reforms and the task of getting teachers on board

STATE OF PLAY

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The education system in Andhra Pradesh is changing rapidly following a slew of reforms that have been ushered in by the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government in Andhra Pradesh. The aim is to ensure that all children have access to quality education within an equitable and inclusive classroom environment, taking into account their diverse backgrounds and different academic abilities, thereby making them active participants in the learning process.

The objective is to shift the focus from content retention to building critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, making the learning process more experiential, holistic, integrated, enquiry-driven, and enjoyable. To this, the government is redefining the tasks, the training patterns and the professional development mode of teachers.

But teacher unions are sceptical about the results of these reforms, which are being aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. They argue that the school restructuring programme – it calls for a merger of classes three to five in primary schools with high schools – will further contribute to the school drop-out rate as it will deprive a large population of students who live in remote rural and tribal pockets of education. They also say that the government order 117 on reapportionment of teaching staff in the State will only increase their workload in addition to shrinking existing teacher posts.

The State may have embarked on radical changes in the curriculum, school restructuring and the mode of teaching, but it needs to cross the main hurdle of reaching out to teachers

The introduction of a face recognition app by the School Education Department, asking teachers to download it in on their personal mobile phones and record their daily attendance, has further angered teachers. Citing virtual security reasons, teacher unions are refusing to follow the instructions and have urged teachers across the State to boycott use of the app. They have demanded that the government provide them devices, as in the past, when they recorded their attendance using an Aadhar-enabled biometric attendance system.

The new app-based attendance system is a pilot project that was rolled out by the government in August in State-run schools. Teachers will have to be present in the school while recording their attendance, as the Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE)-linked system records metrics such as the longitude and latitude of the place where they are present. Attendance is sent to officials by SMS. Parents will also receive SMS updates on their child's arrival and departure from school.

The low download rate of the app by teachers has been a cause for worry; State Education Minister Botcha Satyanarayana held talks with teacher unions, allaying their fears about virtual security issues. There is confidence that there will be a better response from teachers – only a small number of teachers has not registered on the app so far. A teacher's union, the Andhra Pradesh Teachers' Federation (APTF), attributes this to this being an integrated app that is also used to register students' attendance. The APTF has also filed a case in the State High Court seeking direction to the government to repeal the face recognition attendance app.

The Minister has promised to address other issues such as poor or no Internet connectivity in villages and tribal habitations but he has made it clear that the integrated "School Attendance" app is the only platform to record the attendance of teachers in government schools across the State.

Education Department officials say that such technology-driven effective mechanisms are needed to check teacher absenteeism. "We want a fool-proof system in place to ensure transparency and accountability," said S. Suresh Kumar, Commissioner, School Education Department, citing instances of the tampering of devices given to schools and the manipulation of the attendance system. While the State has embarked on radical changes in the curriculum, school-restructuring and the mode of teaching, teacher unions remain nonchalant. It is expected that they should now step out of their traditional role of teaching academic content in a classroom and, instead, focus on acquiring new abilities, skills and showing greater commitment. Meanwhile, teacher representatives have expressed their worry over what they call the "incoherent" policies of the government.

As teachers are central to any change in the education system – they cannot be left out of the realm of the reforms underway – the government could perhaps think of employing effective motivation and, if needed, small-scale incentivisation to find a middle ground and make them partners in the ongoing journey.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Bold and beautiful'

As a long-time reader of *The Hindu*, I found the new look to have enhanced the reading experience: it is trendy, young looking and seems to have more 'energy'. The move to introduce white space in good measure is a reader-friendly step.

Kidambi Narayanan,
Chennai

The 'bold and beautiful' new avatar of *The Hindu* is nice and has purpose.

A reader is now able to navigate his way through the contents of the newspaper more easily. My congratulations to the Grand Old Lady of Anna Salai for the makeover.

C.A.C. Murugappan,
Kothamangalam, Tamil Nadu

As a reader for over 65 years, I have no hesitation in saying that the present form is the best so far.

N.K. Chandran,
Chennai

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The growing peril of Bengaluru's missing drains

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In the past 15 years, India has seen several episodes of extreme rainfall in 24 hours: Mumbai received over 900mm of rain in 2005, Chennai had over 300mm in 2015, and now Bengaluru saw over 130mm. As climate change intensifies, we face the gloomy prospect of failure by governments, society and citizens across the world to limit the warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial times.

Higher rates of evaporation from oceans, seas and land are pumping larger amounts of water vapour into the atmosphere in shorter periods of time. A warmer atmosphere is able to hold more water vapour, and this has led to an increase in heavy downpours. Further, with the warming of the Arabian Sea, cyclonic storms that were earlier largely associated with the Bay of Bengal and the eastern coast are now impacting cities and settlements on the western coast. In the coming decades, such extreme rain events are likely to increase.

Bengaluru had several advantages compared to many other Indian cities: a high elevation, an undulating topography, interconnected lakes, green spaces that helped soak rain, and *rajakaluves* (storm-water drains) that helped convey excess runoff. Most of these natural as well as human made advantages have been squandered away, both legally and illegally, exacerbating the city's risk and vulnerability to floods.

We have drastically altered the hydrology of Bengaluru at various spatial scales, from local storm-water drains to entire basins and valleys. At the city scale, linear infrastructure such as the Outer Ring Road have disrupted natural hydrologic connectivity across the entire watershed. At local scales, piles of garbage in smaller drains kickstart a cascade of flood hazards.

The case of Varthur

Taking the case of Varthur, one of the lakes which was in the news during the floods, the built-up area in this catchment has increased from 32% to 79% between 2001 and 2020. Correspondingly, green cover in the catchment that can help soak rainfall shows a major decline - from 34% in 2001 to 12% in 2020.

As a result, impervious surfaces which have limited to zero ability to allow infiltration of water have increased from 86 sq. km to 213 sq. km. What this means is, even 0.01m (10mm) of rain on such surfaces would mean a runoff potential of 2.1 million cubic metres of water, and 100 mm (as what Bengaluru experienced recently) would mean a run off of a whopping 21 million cubic metres of water. All of this water needs to be conveyed through a network of drains to natural depressions and buffers around lakes to be able to store it. Even if a fraction of this runoff is not conveyed, it can cause immense damage as seen in the recent deluge.

The story is the same for the other lake catchments or watersheds in the east of Bengaluru. Bellandur catchment has witnessed a growth of built-up from 42% to 84% in the same period.

In recent years, the physical shrinkage of the lake is not by itself the issue. For instance, the surface area of waterbodies in the Varthur watershed declined from around 4.7 sq. km to 3.5 sq. km, suggesting that increased awareness and protection may have worked to limit big encroachments in recent years. However, lakes and natural depressions may not always fill up during many monsoons. This can give people who are unaware of hydrology a false sense of complacency and a temptation to build in that region, which will be disastrous when water eventually reaches these places to find no storage capacity left.

It is not only the physical quantity of the runoff that poses a hazard. When polluted drains and lakes overflow, the flood can pose a health hazard especially to vulnerable and exposed marginal communities living in informal settlements.

Urbanisation is a global and inevitable process, and with cities as engines of the economy, built-up areas will continue to grow. But we need to draw upon these experiences and the growing perils of climate change and extreme rain events and change course.

> Bengaluru's hydrology has been altered at various spatial scales, from local storm-water drains to entire basins

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The way ahead

For one, a combination of deft, hard and well-designed civil and hydrologic re-engineering is essential to undo the damage from earlier developments, and to invest in 'blue' and 'green' infrastructure with accountable governance and management to make this successful.

On a city scale, the potential to restore hydrologic connectivity using mitigation measures across larger, linear hydrologic barriers such as the Outer Ring Road should be explored.

Locally, citizens, local ward officials and staff will need to work together to minimise dumping of solid waste and garbage in storm-water drains. It is important that restoring storm-water drains and hydrologic connectivity at local scales must be done justly, taking into account the impact on vulnerable sections of society and informal settlements. The unfortunate and insensitive case of pumping of water from a privileged community leading to flooding of homes of marginalised communities as seen in the recent floods is a case in point.

All remaining green spaces of the city, grasslands, campuses, and lakes must be seen as much needed lungs and shock absorbers of Bengaluru.

Early-warning systems using sensors across waterbodies and drains, and a network of communication for hotspots of emerging flood risk in the wet-season should be put in place.

In folklore, The Pied Piper of Hamelin was not paid his due for his services by those in charge despite his warnings and he took his revenge on the town in a terrible way. Perhaps it is not too late for us to recognise and respect the valuable ecosystem services of our water systems and green spaces. We need to heed the signals from our choked and encroached drains and lakes, ill designed infrastructure and missing pipes. Our ability to conserve our last remaining grasslands, lakes and green spaces and invest in hydrologically and ecologically informed infrastructure and buildings can lead to a better and safer Bengaluru.

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A blow for dignity

Conversion therapy should be duly criminalised

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"There are many branches on the tree of life. There is no one way to be, and there is room for everyone to be who they are"- the Madras High Court observed in *S. Sushma vs Commissioner of Police* (2021). This verdict prohibited conversion therapy in Tamil Nadu and the court suggested that action should be initiated against the professionals involving themselves in any form of conversion therapy, including withdrawal of licence to practice.

The so-called 'conversion therapy' is a range of dangerous and discredited practices that falsely claim to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The National Medical Commission, the apex regulatory body of medical professionals in India, has recently directed all State Medical Councils to ban conversion therapy under the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002.

The Supreme Court of India decriminalised homosexuality in its landmark judgment in Navtej Singh Johar & Ors vs. Union of India (2018). It was a hard-earned fruit for the queer community in India. However, their struggle for the right to identify themselves as human beings with equal rights goes on. The struggle now demands to eliminate the barbaric 'conversion therapy' which consists of diverse methods, ranging from counselling, correctional rape, exorcisms, forceful starving, electro-convulsion, shock therapy, lobotomy, marriage therapy, aversive stimulation and religious counselling etc.

Though no express provision, restricting the practice of conversion therapy is mentioned in Indian law, and civil liability can be attracted on the doctors who practice conversion therapy as it amounts to medical negligence.

Though conversion therapy is declared to be a professional misconduct, it applies only to forcible conversion therapy and therefore, it will continue to take place through other forms, especially among parents of those sexual minorities who will pressure and force their children to identify themselves with the heterosexual norms of society.

The imperative

The need of the hour is to enact a stringent, effective and devoted piece of legislation that will outlaw the odious practice of conversion therapy. This can be achieved only by bringing forth criminal liability to those who indulge in this inhuman practice.

'Dignity of individual' is a grand promise that our Constitution gives to every citizen irrespective of his caste, creed, gender or sexual orientation. "No past civilizational glories, no future superpower status, nothing redounds more to the true greatness of a nation than the dignity of every individual in it. Dr. Ambedkar held this view, and the appearance of the term 'dignity' in the Preamble to our Constitution stemmed from this unique conviction."- opines Aakash Singh Rathore in his *Ambedkar's Preamble: A Secret History of the Constitution of India*. Practices like conversion therapy are aspersions on the dignity jurisprudence of the Constitution. Hence, conversion therapy should be duly criminalised and effectively eliminated from our republic.

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Rice, wheat push up inflation, but South bucks the trend

Cereal inflation highest since 2014. West Bengal, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh cross the 15% mark

DATA POINT

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After decelerating for three consecutive months, India's retail inflation accelerated to 7% in August 2022. A major factor behind this uptick was a reversal in retail food inflation which declined to 6.7% in July but went up again to 7.6% in August. In turn, the surge in food inflation was due to rising cereal prices which quickened to 9.5% in August – the highest since February 2014.

While overall food inflation was high, wide variations were observed across major States. Particularly, the Southern States bucked the trend and recorded very low levels of food inflation in August. Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka were at the bottom of the list when major States were compared for retail food inflation. The August food inflation in these four States was 5% or less. Food inflation was lower than the national average in Telangana (6%) too.

In contrast, the western States of Gujarat (11.5%) and Rajasthan (10.4%) were at the top of the list with a retail food inflation of over 10% in August. The other States which had food inflation higher than the national average include West Bengal (10.3%), Uttar Pradesh (9.2%), Maharashtra and Uttarakhand (8.5%).

Chart 1 shows India's overall retail inflation and food and beverage retail inflation since 2019. The overall retail inflation, after accelerating to 7.79% in April 2022, softened for three consecutive months. But the trend reversed with retail inflation touching the 7% mark in August 2022. In the case of food and beverages retail inflation, after accelerating to 8.1% in April 2022 – highest in 17 months – it softened for three consecutive months. But similar to retail inflation, here too the trend reversed in August.

Chart 2 plots item-wise retail inflation in August 2022 for all food-related products on the vertical axis. The chart also plots the weight of those items in the inflation calculation on the horizontal axis. The retail inflation of rice and wheat/wheat flour – from sources other than PDS – which carries the most weightage among food-related items, accelerated to 6.9% and 15.7% respectively in August 2022. In August, rice inflation was highest in over 20 months while wheat/wheat flour inflation was highest since at least January 2015. In fact, wheat/wheat flour inflation has surged this financial year, with each month recording over 9% of retail inflation.

Due to rising local prices, the government imposed an export ban on broken rice on September 9 and mandated an export duty of 20% on various grades of rice. After the ban on wheat exports in mid-May, the demand for Indian wheat flour surged pushing up the local prices. So, in late August, India imposed restrictions on wheat flour too, to rein in the prices.

Table 3 shows State-wise food & beverage retail inflation in August. The southern States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka feature at the bottom of the table whereas Gujarat and Rajasthan are at the top.

Table 4 shows State-wise retail inflation in August 2022 for cereals, meat and fish and vegetables – the three sub-groups which carry the most weightage under the "food and beverage" group. Except Kerala in the cereal sub-group, the southern States recorded low-levels of retail inflation across all three sub-groups. In the cereal sub-group, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karataka recorded less than 3% of retail inflation. In the meat and fish sub-group, many Southern States recorded deflation. And in the vegetable sub-group, the inflation was 5% or less in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Inflation highs and lows
The charts and tables show how wheat and rice prices pushed up retail inflation in the North, East and West regions of India while the South remained relatively unscathed. The data was sourced from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Chart 1 | Chart shows India's overall retail inflation and food and beverage retail inflation since 2019

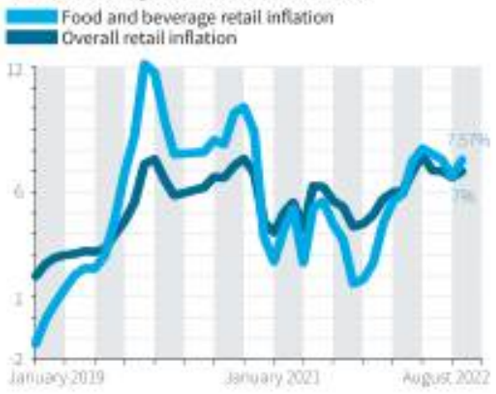

Chart 2 | Chart plots item-wise retail inflation for all food-related products against their weight in inflation calculation

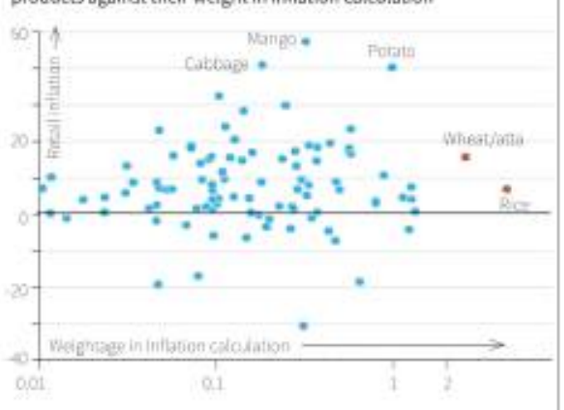

Table 3 | Table shows the State-wise food & beverage retail inflation in August. All the southern States had inflation much lower than India's average

State	Food
Gujarat	11.5
Rajasthan	10.4
W.B.	10.3
U.P.	9.2
Maharashtra	8.5
Uttarakhand	8.5
Haryana	7.6
M.P.	7.6
Odisha	7.6
India	7.6
Punjab	7.0
Assam	6.8
Himachal	6.7
Telangana	**6.0**
Bihar	6.0
Chhattisgarh	5.9
Jharkhand	5.8
Karnataka	**5.4**
Kerala	**4.7**
Andhra	**4.5**
Tamil Nadu	**4.1**

Table 4 | Table shows retail inflation in August 2022 for cereals, meat and fish and vegetables

State	Vegetables	Cereals	Meat & fish
Gujarat	27.6	12.8	3.6
Assam	26.8	1.0	4.3
Maharashtra	23.5	7.4	1.3
Uttarakhand	18.5	7.9	2.4
Odisha	18.3	4.9	0.8
W.B.	16.2	21.2	4.4
Rajasthan	15.3	18.1	5.4
Punjab	13.7	7.5	3.6
M.P.	13.5	10.1	5.0
U.P.	13.2	15.2	5.3
Chhattisgarh	9.9	3.8	2.2
Telangana	**9.0**	**2.1**	**-2.1**
Haryana	8.6	9.2	11.9
Kerala	**6.9**	**14.3**	**-0.1**
Karnataka	**5.1**	**1.9**	**1.1**
Andhra	**4.2**	**3.2**	**-9.1**
Jharkhand	3.5	11.2	2.2
Tamil Nadu	**3.1**	**2.7**	**-4.5**
Bihar	1.3	9.0	4.3

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 21, 1972

India-Soviet accord

Moscow, Sept.20: India and the Soviet Union today agreed to take into account the needs of each other's economy in their long term plans of national development. A two and half hour meeting between the Indian Planning Minister, Mr. D. P. Dhar, and his Soviet counterpart and Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Nikolai Baibakov, also went over proposals for intensification of Indo-Soviet co-operation in existing fields, its extension to new areas and Indian co-operation with the socialist community represented in the Comecon as a whole.

Specific ideas of immediate relevance to Indian economy discussed at the meeting included the needs of expansion of heavy and light metallurgical industries, fertilizer output, power generation, petroleum refining capacity, oil exploration as well as co-operation in the fields of electronics and computers and atomic and space research. The meeting is part of the preparation for the newly created Inter-governmental Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technical Co-operation. Tentative agreement was reached yesterday in the talks Mr. Dhar had with Mr. Semen Skatchkov, head of the Soviet State Committee for Economic Relations with Foreign Countries, to have the first meeting of the Commission in January in New Delhi.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 21, 1922

Planet visible in Calcutta

Calcutta Sept, 19: Considerable excitement was caused in Calcutta this afternoon by the appearance almost overhead in bright sky, which however was dotted by small patches of cloud, of a brilliant planet which was visible without difficulty to the naked eye and groups of interested sky gazers were to be seen in the streets watching the unusual spectacle. Rev. Father Verinier who is in charge of the Observatory of St. Xavier's college said in an interview that such a phenomena though uncommon in the plains were not rare occurrence in the hills at Darjeeling. He could follow the course of a planet for hours together during bright day light. He added it was possible to have sight of a planet from Calcutta in the day if the glare of the sun was decreased by patches of clouds. The Father did not himself see the planet but her surmised from its reported position that it was Venus.

From Page One

China is a formidable challenge: Navy chief

"That is how we structure our force and while structuring the force and developing the capability, these get factored and enable us to keep the Indian Ocean under surveillance," he said, adding that the Navy conducted aircraft sorties and had ships deployed almost 24X7 to keep an eye on the IOR. On the experience with Russian equipment, Admiral Kumar said they were reliable and while there had been teething issues with some of the systems, they had received support from Russia.

Some technologies which we have not been able to get from other sources, they have been able to support us, he said. "While competition is being played out on a daily basis but without escalating into armed action, a war with potential adversaries can never be ruled out," Admiral Kumar said. "To the west, Pakistan, despite economic constraints, has continued its military modernisation, especially its Navy, which is on track to becoming a 50-platform force," he added.

'Grazing lands turning into buffer zones'

Mr. Stobgais said the Army had stopped graziers from accessing land at Ani La, Thadang Valley and Naglungpa in the past two years. He said they had lost access to around 41 km of Kugrang Valley. "Our elders have lived here for ages. China is forcefully claiming our territory," he said, on phone from Ladakh. The Army did not respond to request for comment on his claims.

Phobrang village has 113 households comprising 615 people and is spread over an area of 600 sq.km. "The Army does not allow livestock or graziers to access certain roads," he said.

The patrolling points are the end points along the undefined LAC up to which the Indian troops patrol after starting from their camps. "We are aghast after the latest disengagement process. Though the agreement was for PP-15, even PP-16 that was never a friction point has also been cleared of Army presence. My constituency comprises the border area. When they turn our land into buffer zones, the Army never involves us in the decision-making," said Chushul's councillor Konchok Stanzin.

EWS quota does not erode rights: Centre

Mr. Venugopal argued that the reservation for the backward classes, and now the EWS quota, should be considered by the court as "one single approach of the state intended for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society". The law officer said there were Supreme Court judgments of the past which had upheld State benefits solely based on the economic criterion.

Mr. Venugopal's written submissions referred to how the court had stood by the validity of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. "This court had held that the 2009 Act seeks to remove all barriers, including financial and psychological barriers which a child belonging to the weaker section and disadvantaged group has to face while seeking admission and therefore upheld it under Article 21 of the Constitution. Furthermore, it held that earmarking of seats for children belonging to a specified category satisfies the test of classification in Article 14." .

Seeking inclusion in ST list, Kurmis block tracks

The agitation comes a week after the Cabinet approved the inclusion of several communities in Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Tribes, and days after Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik wrote to Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda alleging that the Centre had failed to approve the inclusion of 160 communities in the ST list as recommended by the State government since 1978.

On Tuesday, South Eastern Railway cancelled 18 trains, diverted 13 and short-terminated 11 trains because of the blockades, officials said.

Currently, in Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand, the Kurmi community is classified under the Other Backward Classes group. The Odisha government also recognises the community under the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. The State governments in Jharkhand and West Bengal have repeatedly recommended the inclusion of this community in the ST list.

Four regions in Ukraine plan votes to join Russia

Former President Dmitry Medvedev said folding regions into Russia itself would make redrawn frontiers "irreversible" and enable Moscow to use "any means" to defend them.

Luhansk and Donetsk together form much of the Donbas region, which has been gripped by separatist fighting since 2014 and which Mr. Putin has set as a primary objective of the Russian invasion.

BJP playing vote-bank politics in J&K, say NC, PDP leaders

Mehbooba says Kashmir's cultural and traditional practices under threat, and condemns arrest of religious leaders; National Conference piqued by decisions such as inclusion of birth anniversary of Hari Singh as an official holiday

The Hindu Bureau
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Under scrutiny: People of the Muslim community tying a turban to Manoj Sinha. @MEHBOOBAMUFTI

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration's latest measures allegedly to popularise Hindu hymns in schools, end felicitation of politicians at shrines and include Dogra monarch Hari Singh's birth anniversary as an official holiday have come under severe criticism from religious leaders and political parties in the Kashmir Valley.

"Steamrollering J&K's cultural and traditional practices, arresting religious leaders, prohibiting *Sajad Nasheens* (shrine caretakers) from performing their traditional duties and now banning *Dastarbandi* (turban-tying), which is a universal ceremony of giving blessings at religious places. Hypocrisy has no limits since the BJP itself leaves no opportunity to get turban tying ceremony done whether at a mandir, dargah or gurdwara," former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti said.

Ms. Mufti's statement comes a day after the BJP-led J&K Waqf Board banned the turban-tying ceremony or felicitation of political leaders at the Valley shrines. "They aren't ready to stop until they dismantle all our religious and Sufi traditions to take control by implementing their divisive agenda," she said.

A viral video of students and teachers singing *Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram*, hymns taken from the Ramayana, as part of the upcoming Gandhi Jayanti functions in a south Kashmir school also sparked criticism from religious and political parties in J&K.

'Saffronisation steps'

"Forcing recitation of Hindu hymns has exposed the BJP government's agenda of saffronisation of education. Rituals and beliefs of a particular caste or faith cannot be imposed on the education system of a secular nation. Such activities can prove detrimental to harmonious educational atmosphere," CPI(M) secretary Ghulam Nabi Malik said.

Congress leader Saifuddin Soz said the administration's decision to replace poet Iqbal's prayer, which promotes love of God and the value of service to humanity, from schools with a Bhajan "is not acceptable to the people".

The Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU), an amalgam of religious organisations, described it as "an attempt to undermine religious identity".

"Protection of our religion and Islamic identity is, as Muslims, our fundamental religious responsibility. It's deliberate interference by the government in the education department. It will neither be accepted nor tolerated," an MMU spokesman said.

The MMU said that efforts to browbeat Muslim ulemas and scholars and weaken their influence in Jammu and Kashmir is being carried out, evident from the recent spate of arrests of respected religious heads.

Meanwhile, the National Conference (NC) is piqued by the U.T. administration's move to include birth anniversary of Hari Singh as an official holiday from this year.

"We expect vote bank politics from the BJP, but we don't expect a constitutional authority to display such blatant political bias. The same administration cancelled a holiday commemorating the birth anniversary of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah claiming there are too many holidays. Now when the same set up announces a new holiday to commemorate another birth anniversary, it reeks of vote-bank politics," NC spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said.

Donations to recognised parties come under EC lens

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission's ongoing drive to clean up the electoral space has now gone "beyond RUPPs (registered unrecognised political parties)" to cover recognised national and State parties, according to a top EC official on Tuesday.

The EC has delisted or declared as inactive 537 registered unrecognised political parties since May for failing to comply with various rules and misusing the Income-Tax (I-T) exemption. The official said while taking action against the RUPPs, another discrepancy came to light, one that impacts recognised parties too. While the I-T Act allows cash donations of up to ₹2,000 only, the Representation of the People Act, 1951, requires parties to submit details to the EC of donations of above ₹20,000 each.

Last week, Chief Election Commission Rajiv Kumar wrote to the Law Ministry proposing changes to the mandatory reporting of donations. The EC proposed that parties should declare each donation over ₹2,000, rather than the existing limit of ₹20,000.

Court to take up Bohra protected practice case

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Tuesday decided to examine whether the practice of excommunication in the Dawoodi Bohra community can continue as a "protected practice" despite the coming into force of the Maharashtra Protection of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act of 2016.

The reference to the Bench was based on a 1962 judgment. The 60-year-old verdict of the top court had held that the religious faith and tenets of the community gave its religious heads the power of excommunication as part of their "management of religious affairs" under Article 26(b). The judgment came on a challenge to Section 3 of the Bombay Prevention of Excommunication Act.

CPI(M) hits out at Mamata for her comments on RSS, calls BJP a 'fake Opposition'

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Referring to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent remarks directed at the RSS, CPI(M) State Secretary Mohammad Salim on Tuesday attacked Ms. Banerjee and accused the Trinamool Congress of being a "springboard for the RSS and the BJP".

Addressing a huge gathering organised by the student and youth wing of the CPI(M), Mr. Salim said that by wearing hijab and participating in Iftar parties, Ms. Banerjee had brought the RSS-BJP to the State. "She is saying that she believes that everyone in RSS is not bad," the CPI(M) leader said, adding that that the Trinamool Congress had taken the 'subcontract' for bringing the BJP and RSS to the State.

Along with her remarks on the RSS, the Chief Minister said on the floor of Assembly on Monday that she believed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not aware of the excesses committed by the Central investigative agencies. The CPI(M) leader accused the BJP of being the "fake Opposition". The student and youth wing of the CPI(M) organised the 'Insaaf rally' on Tuesday where the issues raised included the School Service Commission recruitment scam and the death of student leader Anish Khan. Family members of Anish, who died under mysterious circumstances in February 2022, were present.

"Anish Khan was murdered and now the police are lodging a case against his family," he said.

Cong. slams Bengal CM's remarks on Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that she did not believe Narendra Modi was behind the 'misuse' of Central agencies, the Congress on Tuesday accused the Trinamool Congress of playing "hide and seek".

Supriya Shrinate said that giving a clean chit to the Mr. Modi at a time when everyone was raising questions on the misuse of agencies would give rise to doubts on Ms. Banerjee's intentions too.

Pragya Thakur and Minister put their govt. in a spot in M.P.

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

In a statement that puts her own party's government in Madhya Pradesh in a spot, BJP MP Pragya Thakur recently said that poor people in villages she had adopted were forced to "sell their daughters and give money to the police".

At an event organised by the Udyog Vyapar Mandal on September 17, Ms. Thakur said she had been supporting the education of poor girls of three villages she had adopted, but people there sold home-brewed liquor for sustenance. "In such a situation, when the police takes them away, they sell daughters to pay the police and rescue those arrested," she said. The statement comes at a time when an alleged scam in the nutrition scheme for children, adolescent girls and women, has rocked the State. The Congress has been aggressive on the issue both inside the Assembly and outside, while Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had maintained that the audit report findings were not complete.

The BJP MP said that the poor in villages were forced to sell their daughters and pay the police

State's Mineral Resources Minister Brajendra Pratap Singh had purportedly written to School Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar alleging that midday meals were not distributed in 100 schools in his Panna constituency for six months. The letter is dated September 14 and it went viral on Sunday.

Gujarati feature film *Chhello Show* makes the cut for the Oscars

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The film won multiple awards in international film festivals.

The Film Federation of India (FFI) has chosen Pan Nalin's semi-autobiographical Gujarati drama *Chhello Show* (Last Film Show) as India's official entry for the 95th Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film Category. The announcement was made by FFI Secretary-General Suparn Sen on Tuesday after deliberations by the jury, headed by Kannada director T.S. Nagabharana.

A reminder of childhood innocence, the coming-of-age story of a young boy living in a village in Saurashtra celebrates the magic of the movies. Starring Bhavin Rabari, Vikas Bata, Richa Meena, Bhavesh Shrimali, Dipen Raval, and Rahul Koli, the story is set against the backdrop of cinemas in India witnessing a massive transition from celluloid to digital. *Chhello Show* had its world premiere as the opening film at the Tribeca Film Festival and has won multiple awards.

In meeting with Gujarat Mayors, PM stresses development in cities

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday stressed on development with holistic approach to plan cities and urban spaces while addressing Mayors of BJP-ruled urban bodies in a conference held in Gandhinagar.

He said that the urban development cannot be done with just single approach of winning elections as the representatives must not become election-centric but instead should focus on developing satellite towns, proper urban planning with basic infrastructure like roads, streetlight, and water and sewerage system.

Sharing thoughts: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Mayors and the Deputy Mayors of BJP through video conference. PTI

Mr. Modi also emphasised on infrastructure development of tier II and tier III cities that can help in decreasing the burden on big cities with massive population. The two-day conference which was virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister in which as many 118 Mayors and Deputy Mayors of BJP-ruled urban local bodies from 18 States and Union Territories are participating.

"The elected representatives should not think just in terms of winning elections. You cannot develop your city with an election-centric approach. Many times, decisions which could prove beneficial for the cities are not taken just out of the fear that such decisions can result in election loss," he said in his inaugural remarks.

He told the representatives of the urban local bodies to the cities and the States must work jointly in planning and infrastructure development.

Talking about creating urban infrastructure for mass transport, he said the Metro rail network in different cities of India was less than 250 kilometres in 2014 and has now increased to more than 750 km, while work is going on for another 1,000 km. "Today, we are developing 100 smart cities across the country and so far, we have completed projects worth ₹75,000 crore. Urban housing is a major challenge for cities," he said.

Congress, Trinamool to lose chairmanship of House committees

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Congress is set to lose chairmanship of the committee on Home Affairs

In the latest rejig of the parliamentary standing committees, the government has conveyed to the Congress that it will not get the chairmanship of the committee on Home Affairs. Sources say the Trinamool Congress is likely to lose the chairmanship of the lone committee it had.

Protesting against the move, the Congress has written to Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal, reminding him that traditionally chairpersons of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs have been from principal Opposition parties.

According to sources, Mr. Goyal, on September 16, phoned Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, informing him that considering the Congress's depleted ranks in the Upper House, it can only be allotted chairmanship of a single committee. The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs would be picked from another Opposition party. The Congress's strength in the Rajya Sabha is now down to 31.

In the letter, Mr. Kharge said while he appreciated that the numerical strength of a party determined allocation of the post of chairpersons to a respective party, in a democracy "the accommodating understanding or principle of give and take go a long way in ensuring effective functioning of institutions like Parliament".

"Traditionally also, the Chairpersons of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs have been from principal Opposition parties," Mr. Kharge wrote.

According to sources, the party will continue to hold chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Information and Technology which comes within the ambit of the Lok Sabha. However, with the present Chairperson, Shashi Tharoor, likely to contest the Congress presidential election, it is not clear whether the party will allow him to continue in the post.

The Trinamool, meanwhile, is all set to lose the chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, which is headed by the party's Lok Sabha floor leader Sudip Bandhopadhyay.

The BJP, according to sources, is retaliating for the way the Trinamool dished out committees in the West Bengal Assembly. As per the Trinamool, chairmanship of nine committees were given to BJP MLAs. Out of these, Mukul Roy returned to the Trinamool and the others resigned from their posts.

Ahead of Delhi visit, Gehlot calls late-night meeting of Rajasthan MLAs in Jaipur

The front runner in Congress presidential poll is expected to call on Sonia today before joining Rahul in Bharat Jodo Yatra; however, he is sending mixed signals on taking up the top party job

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Joining the chorus: Jharkhand Congress in-charge Avinash Pandey addressing party workers. The State unit passed a resolution demanding that Rahul Gandhi take up the mantle of party chief. PTI

Amid reports that he is the front runner in the Congress presidential election, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is expected to call on party chief Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday before flying off to Kerala to join Rahul Gandhi in the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Mr. Gehlot convened an informal meeting of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) in Jaipur at 10 p.m. on Tuesday. Party MLAs, who attended a dinner to felicitate Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, were asked to stay back for the meeting. However, until the time of press, it was not known what was discussed at the meeting.

So far, the Rajasthan Chief Minister has been sending mixed signals about taking up the top party job as it could mean giving up his chief ministership.

It is well known that Mr. Gehlot is averse to handing over the post to his former deputy and party rival, Sachin Pilot. The Legislature Party meeting comes in the absence of Mr. Pilot, who left for Kerala to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra on Tuesday afternoon.

Though former party chief Rahul Gandhi is unlikely to change his mind about not contesting, Mr. Gehlot is expected to attempt to persuade him one more time.

The developments come a day after senior leader and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor met Ms. Gandhi for a meeting. In the 40-minute meeting, sources said, Ms. Gandhi assured Mr. Tharoor that the Gandhi family would be "neutral" if there is a contest. He also met party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Ms. Gandhi met party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who flew in from Alapuzha, to discuss organisational matters.

Anybody can contest the Congress president's poll which will be fair and transparent, Mr. Venugopal told presspersons outside Ms.Gandhi's official residence, after the meeting.

However, the Congress general secretary tried to play down the meeting, and said it was a "routine" one to discuss pending organisational matter with the party chief.

Asked about Mr. Tharoor contesting, he said, "Not only Shashi Tharoor, anybody who wants to contest can contest".

Meanwhile, Jharkhand, Haryana and Goa Pradesh Congress Committees (PCCs) on Tuesday joined seven other party State units in passing resolutions that sought Mr. Gandhi at the helm of the party.

"But nobody asked anyone to pass any resolution. Rahul Gandhi has not asked anyone to pass any resolution," said party's communication head Jairam Ramesh.

(With PTI inputs)

Read our detailed explainer
The Congress party's internal administration
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INBRIEF

BJP gears up for Shah's rallies in Seemanchal area of Bihar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled visit to Seemanchal districts of Purnia and Kishanganj in Bihar on September 23 and 24 has the State unit working round the clock to ensure that the rallies are a successful. To prepare for the rallies, many BJP leaders have been camping in those districts for several days now. Union Minister and party MP from Begusarai, Giriraj Singh has been made in charge of the rallies in Seemanchal area; he has been touring the place over the past several days.

Election Commission officials to visit Himachal, Gujarat

The Election Commission will be visiting the poll-bound Himachal Pradesh from September 22 to 24, officials said on Tuesday. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey are also expected to visit the other poll-bound State, Gujarat, soon, an official said. Last week, an EC team visited Gujarat to review the preparations. The term of the Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat Assemblies will end on January 8, 2023 and February 18, 2023, respectively.

Every hour, BJP's policies kill a farmer, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

One farmer died every hour in the country because of the wrong policies of the BJP, the Congress claimed on Tuesday.

Party spokesperson Supriya Shrinate cited the case of Dashrath Lakshman Kedari, a Pune farmer, who took his own life after failing to repay his loan.

"He sought reasonable MSP (minimum support price) for farm produce as a farmers' right, and blamed the policies of the government for his decision to end life," Ms. Shrinate said.

She said that as many as 10,881 people involved in agriculture ended their lives in 2021 and that was 6.6% of the 1,64,033 suicides last year.

(Those in distress can call Sanjivini helpline at 011-4076 9002)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALGHAT DIVISION
Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/ Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works.
E-TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/14/2022 dated 17.09.2022

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Mangalore Central-Extension of 2 Foot Over Bridge's to Platform No 4 (RDSO type Foot over Bridge & Conventional type Foot Over Bridge). **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):**155.83 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹2,27,900/- **Tender closing date :**12.10 2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Four
2	Shoranur-Ernakulam section-Br.no.2 Dn (14x18.30 m G) at Km 0/900-1/200 between Shoranur and Vallathol Nagar stations-Regirdering with new metallised girders. **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 373.70 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹3,36,900/- **Tender closing date :**31.10 2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Twelve
3	Calicut-Kannur & Kannur-Mangalore section: Increasing sleeper density for a total length of 8.263 km, from 1310 Nos to 1540 Nos/KM in loop lines at Quilandi, Etakkot, Kannur, Knnapuram, Cheruvathur, Nileshwar, Kanhangad, Manjeshwar, Kottikulam, Kumbala and Ullal stations. **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):**149.45 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹2,24,700/- **Tender closing date :**12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Six.
4	Palakkad Division- Provision of Escalators 2 Nos at Mangalore station (Civil cost). **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 73.35. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,46,700/- **Tender closing date :** 19.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Six.
5	Kannur-Augmentation of water supply at Kannur station & colony by providing pipe line from Kannur South to Kannur. **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 85.52 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,71,100/- **Tender closing date :** 12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:**Six
6	Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Mangalore Sub Division (I)Protective works on steep slop cutting area bridge approach etc and (II).clearing of earth slips and restoration of track due to land slide, breaching rock falling.(For anticipated slips etc in the year 2022-23) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 146.26 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹2,23,100/- **Tender closing date :** 07.11.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Eight
7	Mangalore Junction - Expension of Running Room for additional 20 beds at Mangalore junction of Palakkad division **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 60.17 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹1,20,400/- **Tender closing date :** 07.11.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Eight
8	Complete scraping & Painting of Girder bridges & Foot Over Bridges in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Kannur and Mangalore sub Divisions overdue for painting 2021-2022 (Balance works) (Details of Bridges as per annexure). **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 16.07 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹32,200/- **Tender closing date :** 12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Nine
9	Palakkad Division Raising of railflow level Platform to high level at Vallikkunnu (Platform No.1 & 2), Madukkarai (platform No.1),Walayar (platform No.1), Manannur (platform No.1) and Palappuram (platform No.1) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 515.89 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹4,08,000/- **Tender closing date :**19.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Twelve
10	Palakkad Division Raising of Platform at Bakel Fort (platform No.2), Jagantha temple gate (platform No.2) Dharmadam (platform No 1), Iringal (platform No 1 & 2) Mukkali (platform No 2), Nadapuram Road (platform No 1) & Vellarakad (platform No.2) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 544.96 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹4,22,500/- **Tender closing date :**19.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Twelve
11	Palakkad Division Raising of Platform at Ullal (Platform No 1 & 2), Manjeshwar (platform No 1 & 2), Kasargod (platform No 1), Kanhangad (platform No 2), Cheruvathur (platform No.2) & Payyannur (platform No.2). **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 866.90 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹5,83,500/- **Tender closing date :** 31.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Twelve
12	Palakkad Division -Provision of Lifts- 2nos at Payyanur station and 1 No at Mangalore station (Sugmanya Bharath Abhiyan (Civil Cost) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 56.89 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹1,13,800/- **Tender closing date :**12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Eight
13	Palakkad Division Provision of drainage improvement works on Subways under Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction 1 Provision of drainage improvement works on Subways in lieu of LC no 44 (at km 48/8-9 of Pollachi-Palakkad section) & LC No 154 (at km 517/6-8 of Podanur-Palakkad section). 2 Provision of drainage improvement works on Subways in lieu of LC no 51 (at Km 55/6-7 of Palakkad Town-Palakkad section) & LCs 41 (at Km 46/700-800) & 6 (at Km 6/100-200) of Pollachi/Palakkad section 3. Provision of drainage improvement works on Subways no.164 A (at Km 55/390-400), 907 A (at Km 638/7-8) and at Km 120/300-400 (Pollachi Yard) 4 Palakkad Division - Provision of Drainage improvement works on Subways no 934 A (at Shoranur-Calicut section km 652/5-6) & 168 A (at Shoranur-Nilambur section km 58/8-9) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 348.49 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹3,24,300/- **Tender closing date :** 12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Twelve.
14	Palakkad Division Provision of drainage improvement works such as roofing, grouting, sump and pumping provisions on Subways in lieu of LC no 227 (at km 731/00-100), 283 (at Km 790/6-7), 284 (at Km 851/4-5) & 286 (at km 853/9-854/0) **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):**78.67 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,57,400/- **Tender closing date :** 12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Four
15	Mangalore Central- Provision for Platform Shelter, Toilet and Urinals for proposed Platform No.4 & 5. **Approximate Cash Value (In Lakhs):** 180.07 **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 2,40,000/- **Tender closing date :** 12.10.2022 **Completion Period in Months:** Five

Eligibility criteria for single similar work previously executed

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Item No .2	Bridge work with steel girders (in case fabrication of steel girder is involved, the same to be included for qualifying work also)
Item No .3	Any Track work
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Item No.5,13,14	Any Civil Engineering work except track work
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Item No.7,9,10, 11,12,15	Any Civil Engineering work except track work/trasportation

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
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Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procurement platform/e-portal in two parts [i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid] system from the original vehicle equipment manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of 1190 Motorised Two Wheeler 124 CC and above (Gearless) (BS-VI) with Retrofitment of additional two wheels attachment for the use of severely affected orthopedically handicapped persons for the year 2022-23 to the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, The interesting bidders may see further details and may login in website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

The tender can be submitted on or **before 18.10.2022 till 03.00 p.m.** The technical bid will be opened on **19.10.2022 at 03.30 p.m.** and the financial bid will be opened on **21.10.2022 at 12.00 p.m.** Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the **Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V. V. Tower, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No:080-22866066, 28860907.** For more info please see department **website : www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in**

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ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT 2023-24

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS (Online) : Tuesday, November 15, 2022
ISSUE OF ADMIT CARD (Online) : Tuesday, November 22, 2022
DATE OF ALL INDIA LAW ENTRANCE TEST : Sunday, December 11, 2022 (11.00 AM-12.30 PM)

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Name of the Work : **" Development of Plot adjacent to Bulb Road (Right Side) near Gate No-1".** EMD cost : **Rs.19,56,884/-** . Last date & time of submission of Bid : **30.09.2022 upto 17:15 Hrs**. For details please refer our Website : **eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** .

Executive Engineer,
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Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/195/22-23, Dt.20/09/2022

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CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for selection of contractor for Development of smart roads and underground ducting including utility shifting of water supply and power lines in ABD area Under Smart City mission corporation roads in Thiruvananthapuram.

Sl. No	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive Of GST)
1.	Development of smart roads and underground ducting including utility shifting of water supply and power lines in ABD area Under Smart City mission corporation roads in Thiruvananthapuram	2022_SCTLT_506258_1	Rs.19,85,50,595/-

Bid Submission Last Date: 12th October 2022, Wednesday, 5:00 PM

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Superintending Engineer (H)
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Tender Notice No: 05/2022-23/CMDP/DO/dated.19.09.2022
(Online only)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage Tender under **Two Cover System, through online only for Division – I** work of 'Widening the East Coast Road (ECR) to six lane from km 15/700 - 22/300 at Neelangarai, Injambakkam and Sholinganallur Village' will be received upto **01.11.2022, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Detailed scope of work, approximate value, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from **28.09.2022, 15.00 hours onwards** in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
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Division office, Old ITI Building, MSK Mill Road, KALABURAGI.
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No. KKT/CO/COSP/ 04 /2022-23 Date: 19.09.2022.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KKRTC invited tender for procurement of the following service through e-procurement portal. The details are as below.
1) Tender No : G-04/2022-23 dt: 15.09.2022, 2) Details : Selection of an Agency for providing Heavy Passenger Vehicle Drivers to operational depots of Ballari, Hosapete, Raichur, Koppal, Yadagir & Kalaburagi-1 divisions of KKRTC, 3) Tender Value in Crores Rs. (Approx) : **14.16,** 4) Last date for submission of tenders @ 17.00 hrs: **20.10.2022.**

The details of Registration, Tender documents etc. are available at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Mail to **cospnekrtc@gmail.com** or **support@helpdesk.com** for further information, if required.

Note: Further, any addendum/corrigendum with respect to any changes in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc. will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases,
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/Kalaburagi/635/MC&A/2022-23

INBRIEF

Intervention plea in Qutub Minar row dismissed

The Saket district court on Tuesday dismissed the intervention plea of Kunwar Mahender Dhwaj Pratap Singh who claimed that the Qutub Minar was built on land that belonged to him and hence he should be made party to the main suit filed in the court that demands worship rights in the temples built inside the ASI-protected monument. Dismissing the plea, Additional District Judge Dinesh Kumar said that he will be hearing the main suit, filed on behalf of Jain deity Tirthankar Lord Rishabh Dev and Hindu deity Lord Vishnu (through their next of friends) that seeks restoration of 27 Hindu and Jain temples at the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque inside the Qutub Minar, next month.

HC orders compensation to 12-year-old rape survivor

In one of the fastest disposed writ petitions, the Allahabad High Court on Tuesday ordered officials of Uttar Pradesh to ensure immediate compensation and police security to a 12-year-old rape survivor, who had approached the court on September 8 to terminate her 23-week pregnancy. Justices Attau Rahman Masoodi and Om Prakash Shukla had ordered the termination of pregnancy on September 12 and it was carried out by a medical team last week. Daughter of a daily wager, the girl was raped by her neighbour in April. The order came after an expert panel cleared the termination of the pregnancy.

Top court upholds validity of Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Act

The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the validity of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara (Management) Act, 2014, declaring that the law has left "the affairs of the Sikh minority in the State to be managed by the Sikhs alone". A Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta declared that the State, by enacting the law, did not violate the religious freedom of the Sikh community. "Since the affairs of the Sikh minority in the State are to be managed by the Sikhs alone, therefore, it cannot be said to be violative of any of the fundamental rights conferred under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution," the Bench held.

President urged to 'counsel' Kejriwal over spat with police

Nearly 30 retired IPS officers have written to President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday, pointing out what they termed "high-headed and boorish behaviour" by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, a few days after he had a spat with personnel of Gujarat police and urged her to "counsel" him. The signatories include former Maharashtra and Kerala DGPs Praveen Dixit and M.N. Krishnamurthy, respectively, and former Acting CBI Director Nageshwar Rao. The letter refers to Mr. Kejriwal's spat with police officials who he alleged had stopped him from visiting an autorickshaw driver in the city, which he managed to do later.

Southwest monsoon begins early withdrawal in Rajasthan

September 30 is considered the final day of the season for the entire country; while India has recorded 7% more rainfall than normal, the southern peninsula and central parts have had the bulk of the excess at 29% and 33%, respectively

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon rainfall, 7% more than normal, has started to withdraw. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday that the system had begun retreating from parts of southwest Rajasthan and Kutch.

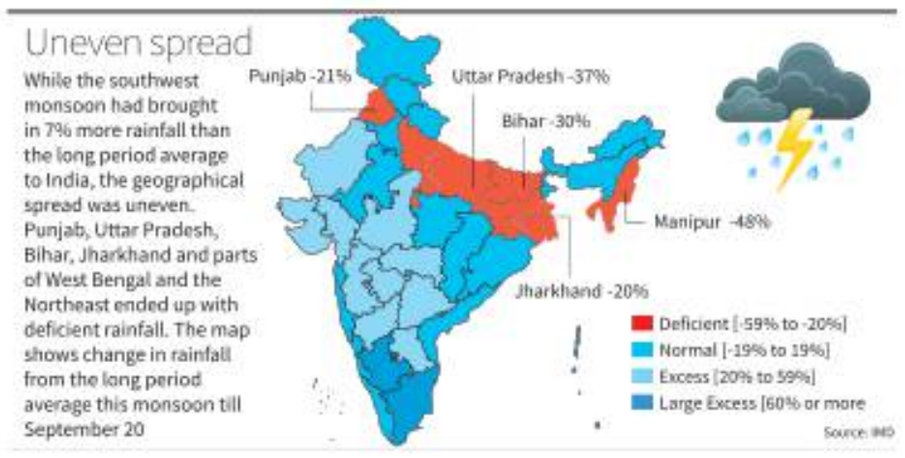
The "normal" or average date of withdrawal from southwest Rajasthan was September 17. The withdrawal of the monsoon was based on meteorological conditions such as an anti-cyclonic circulation (dry air that is the opposite of a cyclone), the absence of rain in the past five days and the water vapour imagery indicating dry weather conditions over the region.

The monsoon withdrawal is a long-drawn process and extends into mid-October, though the IMD considers September 30 to be the final day of the season over India. The rain after that is categorised as "post-monsoon" rainfall.

The September rainfall so far has been 11% more than usual, following a trend in recent years that is seeing excess rainfall in a month that marks the waning of the monsoon. Most of the rain, however, has been in the southern peninsula and central India, which have seen 29% and 33% more rain than what is usual for these regions in September.

India has so far recorded 7% more rain than what is normal for the period from June 1 to September 20. The surplus is due to excess rain in central and southern India. The northwest, eastern and northeastern parts of the country have registered a deficit of 4-17% of their normal rainfall.

M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD, said last month that the rainfall average for the country was likely to be above normal, at approximately 109% of the long period average of 167.9 mm for September.


Uneven spread
While the southwest monsoon had brought in 7% more rainfall than the long period average to India, the geographical spread was uneven. Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and parts of West Bengal and the Northeast ended up with deficient rainfall. The map shows change in rainfall from the long period average this monsoon till September 20
Punjab -21%
Uttar Pradesh -37%
Bihar -30%
Manipur -48%
Jharkhand -20%
Deficient [-59% to -20%]
Normal [-19% to 19%]
Excess [20% to 59%]
Large Excess [60% or more
Source: IMD

RSS affiliate to organise symposium in the Northeast

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prajna Pravah, an RSS affiliate body, will be organising a three-day symposium – Lokmanthan – in Assam, starting Wednesday.

The event, which would focus on exploring ways to keep India's cultural consciousness intact, will be attended by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar, along with Assam's Governor Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister Hemanta Biswa Sarma.

Dattatreya Hosabale, general secretary of RSS will also participating, said the organisers.

J. Nandakumar, chief convener of Prajna Pravah told *The Hindu* that this will be the third edition of Lokmanthan and the theme of this year is Lokparampara (Lok traditions).

'No spotted deer brought to Kuno as prey for cheetahs'

Jacob P. Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Madhya Pradesh Forest Department has denied reports that chital, or spotted deer, from Rajasthan are being ferried to the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh for the newly acquired cheetahs to prey on them.

On Tuesday, several media outlets reported that members of the Bishnoi community in Rajasthan which is active in wildlife conservation had written to the Prime Minister, protesting against the alleged capture of chital by Forest Department officials to bolster prey numbers in the Kuno reserve.

On Saturday, Mr. Modi released three cheetahs – out of a batch of eight brought from Namibia – into a protected enclosure at the KNP. Sambar and chital would constitute preferred prey for the wild cats. "No chital has been brought from Rajasthan into Kuno. There are already close to 20,000 chital in the forest here. There are several wildlife parks in Madhya Pradesh with surplus chital population. During summers, many spots see a scarcity of water and fodder and these animals are sometimes relocated to help them access food and water," Madhya Pradesh Chief Wildlife Warden Jasbir Singh Chauhan said in a statement.

Relocation of chital is for better access to food and water, say authorities.

As part of these relocations, chital were being moved to the Satpura National Park, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Nauradehi forest and KNP. These animals were also moved around because they would graze on standing crop and cause losses to those who lived in the vicinity, he added.

Enjoy watching our video
India's move to bring back cheetahs
bit.ly/cheetahsvid

First day, first show: Srinagar gets to sample the multiplex experience

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Inaugurating the first-ever multiplex in Srinagar on Tuesday, J&K Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha said the Centre did not believe in buying peace but in establishing peace in the Union Territory (UT).

"A major socio-economic revolution has swept through J&K in the past three years. More efforts are under way in J&K," Mr. Sinha said, while inaugurating the multiplex at Shiv Pora in Srinagar.

Cinema is returning to Kashmir after a gap of 23 years. Most cinemas were closed in the 1990s but three were reopened between 1996 and 1999. However, these were again closed later.

"Bricks and mortar do not make a society but people do. Art is an essential part of society. A new film policy has been framed and a film city will come up here in the next two months. Incentives will be provided to local people under the policy to make films," Mr. Sinha said.

New beginning: Guests watch *Vikram Vedha* at Srinagar's new multiplex on Tuesday. NISSAR AHMAD

Regular screening of movies will start on October 1. "Cinema lovers are everywhere in Kashmir. People used to visit cinemas in large numbers along with friends and families in the past. Cinemas would provide them opportunities to think big and dream big besides entertaining them," Mr. Sinha said.

He said people in Kashmir "remained entertainment starved for the past three decades". The opening of the cinema reflected the changing picture of J&K, he said. "It is a reflection of a new dawn of hope, dreams, confidence and aspirations of people," he added.

'Clarify stand on Bhopal tragedy plea'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench gave Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta time till October 11 to get instructions from the Centre on whether it wants to "press" its curative petition seeking enhancement of compensation to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy, over and above the $470 million already paid by Union Carbide.

"The government will have to take a stand whether it is going to press the curative petition or not," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, heading the five-judge Bench, observed.

The victims, represented by advocate Karuna Nundy, said the court should hear them irrespective of the government's decision. However, the court said it would wait for the Centre to clarify its position. "We will see whether you are required to be heard at all. If the government presses it (curative petition), maybe your task will be simpler," Justice Kaul said.

Senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, also for the survivors, said the intensity of the tragedy has only increased five-fold in the number of victims and extent of injuries and deaths over the years. The Bench, at this, wondered whether the compensation could keep changing over time like that. "Can it be said something happened five years, 10 years later," the court asked.

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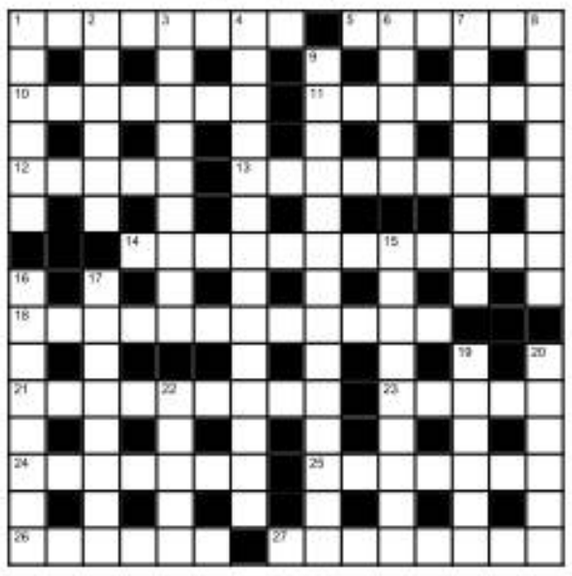

Across

1 Trying book to tackle anger issues finally (8)
5 Kid about to taste largely pungent bulb (6)
10 Endless confrontation, having knocked back drink in European country (7)
11 Prohibition during Christmas withdrawn in Middle Eastern country (7)
12 Girl turning down fellow is blunt (5)
13 What conjuror says as the rope levitates magically at last, perhaps (3,6)
14 Wake up! Get going, like the Sun? (4,3,5)
18 Company people concealing hard evidence (12)
21 Experiencing difficulties like panic attacks (2,1,6)
23 National party backing gangster in city of Zambia (5)
24 Criminal is arrogant, embodies evil (7)
25 Honour ensemble touring city in Spain (7)
26 Bit of damage in more primitive steering mechanism (6)
27 Howled as outstanding person backtracked, breaking date (8)

Down

1 Proceed after boat's repaired in Caribbean island (6)
2 Arrive in bar without date, turn to entice (4,2)
3 Small ornate gift, one incorporating greatly revolutionary decorative techniques (9)
4 Action of stirring up trouble by foremost among imams irritated ruler (8-6)
6 Yellow marble rolling out of line (5)
7 Want model possessing posh, outstanding quality (4,4)
8 Disregards racket by Mafia bosses smuggling ecstasy (8)
9 Enthralled by pot, plan wild night with English female for messing around (7,3,4)
15 Rascal removing the underclothes naughtily (9)
16 Pain to control one extremely immature performer (8)
17 Resulted in detective finding bit of evidence in conclusion (8)
19 Musical instrument in my bag (6)
20 Fancy dope inside stub of cigarette (3,3)
22 Frivolous associate in bar getting drug (5)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13665

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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1	6	2	4	5	9	8	7	3
9	7	8	3	6	2	1	4	5
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FAITH

Different snaanas

When the word "snaana" is mentioned, one concludes that this is a reference to bathing. While this is the meaning of snaana, the word does not merely refer to bathing with water, said P.T. Seshadri in a discourse.

This is brought out by Brahma in the Padma Purana. He tells sage Narada that just as water cleans the body, there are other snaanas too, which cleanse us. Reciting Vedic mantras, invoking devatas in water, and sprinkling that water on one's head is also a snaana. When yagas are performed, the ash from the fire is mixed with ghee and applied on the forehead. That too is on par with a purifying bath. When the sky is clear and sunny, and yet it rains, it is a good time to go out. If one is out at such a time, it is equal to taking a bath. Water that has come into contact with tulasi purifies us, and if that water falls on us, it is equal to a bath. Pouring water over a salagrama and then sprinkling that holy water on one's head is also equal to a bath. Water that touches a cow and then touches us purifies us like a holy bath. Water used to wash the feet of those steeped in Vedanta is purifying. Water used to bathe the feet of Acharyas is holy water which cleanses us.

The dust raised when cows walk purifies us. Thus a bath is not merely washing oneself with water. There are many other types of snaanas, explains Brahma. There is one snaana which is superior to all of them, says Brahma. That bath is a state of mind. It is to be without desires. It is not easy to be without desires, when there are so many temptations. But if one can achieve this desireless state, then that is the best snaana. This snaana has no restrictions. Everyone must aspire for this snaana.

NABLUS

Palestinian forces, residents battle in West Bank, one dead

Palestinian security forces on Tuesday exchanged fire with militants in the centre of the West Bank's second-largest city, as angry residents pelted an armoured jeep with objects and chased it away. One man was reported dead. The incident marked a rare case of deadly internal Palestinian fighting in the occupied West Bank. AFP

CANBERRA

14 dead sperm whales found beached on Australian island

Australian wildlife authorities are investigating the death of 14 young sperm whales that were found beached on an island off of the southeastern coast, officials said on Tuesday. The whales were discovered on Monday afternoon on King Island, part of the state of Tasmania in the Bass Strait. AP

GENEVA

'Venezuela repressing dissent through crimes against humanity'

Venezuela's intelligence agencies are committing crimes against humanity as part of a plan orchestrated at the highest level of government to repress dissent, UN experts said on Tuesday. A team said it had uncovered how intelligence services implemented orders by President Nicolas Maduro to stifle opposition. AP

LONDON

British railway faces fresh disruption with Oct. 1 strike

Britain's railway could come to an "effective standstill" on October 1 with workers from Network Rail and 14 train operating companies planning strike action over pay, job security and working conditions, a union said on Tuesday. The RMT trade union said the strike comes after it received no offers of negotiation. REUTERS

China keeps Sri Lanka, Pak. waiting for loans

Beijing asked both countries 'to tide over difficulties together, fully trust each other, and support each other's core interests on the way forward', but did not detail any offers of assistance

Ananth Krishnan
Meera Srinivasan
BEIJING/COLOMBO

China has offered Pakistan's visiting Army Chief technical help as the country deals with record floods, but did not announce any substantial financial assistance which its "all-weather" ally has been seeking.

Both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, facing financial stress, have been engaged in long-running talks with Beijing for assistance, but with negotiations in both cases having made little headway, both countries have turned to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Their new IMF commitments are now likely to impact their owed payments to China, which has lent the two countries more than $26 billion in the past five years.

Following talks in Xi'an between Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and China's Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe, the Chinese side expressed willingness to provide technical assistance for flood relief work, Pakistan's official Inter Services Public Relations said.

Chinese State media quoted Gen. Wei as calling on both countries "to tide over difficulties together, fully trust each other, and unswervingly support each other's core interests on the way forward" but did not detail any offers of assistance.

Friendly terms: Chinese Defence Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe (right) meets with Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, chief of the Pakistan Army, in Shaanxi Province of China, on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chinese media noted that Beijing had previously provided relief supplies worth $57 million.

Earlier this month, Pakistan's government assured the IMF it would reduce capacity payments owed to Chinese projects or seek to restructure loans, with over $1.09 billion still owed to Chinese power producers.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka has been pressing Beijing for a $4 billion loan, but talks that have dragged on for several months appear to have not yielded an agreement.

Rather than restructure Sri Lanka's existing debt, Beijing has indicated it would prefer to instead extend new loans to an already heavily indebted economy.

Staff level agreement

On September 1, Sri Lanka and the IMF reached a staff level agreement with the Fund set to support Sri Lanka with an Extended Fund Facility (EFF) of $2.9 billion, contingent upon Sri Lanka's successful debt restructuring efforts, which will hinge in part on China's agreeability.

Sri Lanka's creditors also include International Sovereign Bond (ISB) holders, multilateral lending agencies and other bilateral partners such as Japan and India.

While Japan and India have been very supportive of the IMF process from the beginning, all eyes were on China to see if it would play ball, although some analysts in Sri Lanka expressed hope citing China's willingness to work on a debt relief deal in Zambia.

In response to Sri Lanka's IMF agreement, Beijing said that as a "traditional friendly neighbour" of Sri Lanka and a "major shareholder" of the IMF, China has "always been encouraging" the IMF and other international financial institutions "to continue to play a positive role in supporting Sri Lanka's response to current difficulties, efforts to ease debt burden and realise sustainable development."

Britain looks to future as Elizabeth-II is laid to rest

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Flags on government buildings returned to full mast and an epic clean-up operation was underway on Tuesday as British public life resumed after the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, although the royal family remains in mourning for another week.

Around a quarter of a million people queued round the clock to view the queen's coffin as it lay in state in the days leading up to the funeral, the U.K. government said.

Liz Truss, appointed Prime Minister by the queen just two days before she died on September 8, flew to the UN General Assembly hours after delivering a biblical reading at the lavish funeral. The queen was buried in a vault in St. George's Chapel, alongside the remains of her parents, sister and husband, Prince Philip.

Bidding farewell: The State Hearse carrying the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, as it arrives at Windsor Castle on Monday. AFP

King Charles, 73, and his family will remain in mourning for another seven days. That means no official engagements of a role that he has spent a lifetime preparing to take on.

The royal Twitter account published a picture of the queen hiking in 1971 at her Scottish retreat of Balmoral, where she died at the age of 96 as Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

The photograph was accompanied with the words: "May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest. In loving memory of Her Majesty The Queen." The quotation is from Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*, and was also used by Charles in his first national broadcast as king the day after his mother passed away.

Liz Truss vows billions in Ukraine aid

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Britain's new Prime Minister Liz Truss on Tuesday vowed billions more in financial and military aid to Ukraine as she kicked off her debut foreign trip at the U.N. General Assembly.

Ahead of her first meeting with U.S. President Joe Biden, Ms. Truss also conceded that a post-Brexit U.K.-U.S. trade deal was unlikely for years.

At the UN, Ms. Truss is also due to meet French President Emmanuel Macron and EU commission chief Ursula von der Leyen. Like Mr. Biden's White House, they are unhappy with her hard line on Brexit and Northern Ireland.

But Ms. Truss vowed to rally Western support at the U.N. over Ukraine, saying her government would match or exceed the £2.3 billion ($2.6 billion) it plans to extend this year.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

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ROC No. PR4/13946/Adv. No.222/ PRO/2022, Dated: 20.09.2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/Composite Pkg–C4/22-23/19 Date: 21.09.2022

The **Chief Engineer (Procurement)** invites e-Tender from bonafide, eligible bidders on turnkey basis through Domestic Competitive Bidding for designing, engineering, construction, supply, delivery, erection, stringing, testing and successful commissioning including transportation, insurance and storage along with all other associated works as detailed below in respect of -

a) Upgradation of Raghunathpur 132 kV AIS substation to 220 kV GIS substation along with associated transmission lines and other associated works as detailed in NIT.
b) Construction of Goaltore 132 kV AIS substation along with associated transmission lines and other associated works as detailed in NIT.
c) Construction of Manikchak 132 kV GIS substation along with associated transmission lines and other associated works as detailed in NIT.
d) Construction of Habibpur 132 kV GIS along with associated transmission lines and other associated works as detailed in NIT.

Bid documents can be downloaded from **21.09.2022, 11:00 A.M.** and shall be submitted up to **04.00 P.M.** on **09.11.2022.** Visit the following websites:- **https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://etender.wb.nic.in, www.wbsetcl.in** for details. ICA-T10741 (3) / 2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-West Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: EE/RI-West/TEND/09/2022-23 Date: 20.09.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-West Division, invites tenders from BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible contractors for the work detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work	Appx. Amount Put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
Comprehensive development of Arterial, Sub Arterial and Major Connecting Roads in Rajajinagara Constituency RI West Zone-WZ 2022-23-Package No.05.	1673.35	16.75 Lakhs or Rs.1.00 Lakh Plus Rs.15.75 Lakhs through Bank Guarantee

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **22.09.2022** onwards. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **07.10.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre bid meeting will be held on **29.09.2022** at **3:00** pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure, 4th Floor, Annex Building-3, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru-02. (4) Technical Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-West Division, Annex Building, No.3 Room No.101, 1st Floor, N.R. Square, BBMP on or after **10.10.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure - West Division

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
#6/13/1, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi,Bengaluru-72
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No: KREDL /SG-1362/2022-23 Date: 19.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Type of Bidding: National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Mode of Bidding: Open tender, Single stage two envelope Competitive Bidding

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), Government of Karnataka undertaking hereby invites notification for **Design, Engineering, Manufacture, supply and installation of Acrylic miniature model of 2050 MW Solar Park, Pavagada at KREDL New Building, Nagarabhavi.** Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **"www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** on or after **21.09.2022.** This Notification is also available at website: **"www.kredl.karnataka.gov.in".**

Note: KREDL reserves the right to annual bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Asst. General Manager-SG, KREDL

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Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 094. Ph: 080-22172614/2613/5610

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

On behalf of President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through e-tender for following work:

Title of Work	**Construction of Building for ECLSS test facility for Gaganyaan Project at Devanahalli, Bengaluru (Civil & PH works)**
Tender Notice No.	**HSFC/CMG/2(4)/C/41/2022-23 dt: 19.09.2022**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 1504.79 Lakhs**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**Nine Months (09)**
Period during which tender documents can be requested	From **11.00 Hrs on 21.09.2022** To: **23:30 Hrs on 10.10.2022**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	From **11.10 Hrs on 21.09.2022** To: **23:59 Hrs on 10.10.2022**
Bid Clarifications	From **11.30 Hrs on 21.09.2022** To: **10.30 Hrs on 11.10.2022**
Reply to Bid Clarifications	**Up to 17.00 Hrs on 12.10.2022**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**up to 23.00 hrs on 12.10.2022**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**11:30 Hrs on 13.10.2022**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 25,04,790/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed notice inviting e-Tender (e-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website: **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Director, CMG, HSFC

Concern mounts at Iran crackdown on protests

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The UN and rights groups expressed concern on Tuesday over what activists described as a lethal crackdown in Iran against protests over the death of a young woman after her arrest by Tehran's notorious morality police.

Mahsa Amini, 22, died on Friday three days after she was urgently hospitalised following her arrest by the police responsible for enforcing Iran's strict dress code for women.

Activists said she suffered a blow to the head in custody but this has not been confirmed by the Iranian authorities, who have opened an investigation.

There have been protests in Tehran but the fiercest clashes so far have been in Iran's northern Kurdistan province where Amini was from, with rights groups saying up to four protesters have been killed so far and dozens more wounded and arrested. The Human Rights Watch said witness accounts and videos circulating on social media "indicate that authorities are using teargas to disperse protesters and have apparently used lethal force in Kurdistan province".

Seeking justice: Demonstrators gather near a burning motorcycle during a protest for Mahsa Amini, in Tehran on Monday. AFP

"Cracking down with teargas and lethal force against protesters demanding accountability for a woman's death in police custody reinforces the systematic nature of government rights abuses and impunity," said Tara Sepehri Far, HRW's senior Iran researcher.

In Geneva, the UN said acting High Commissioner for Human Rights Nada Al-Nashif expressed alarm at Amini's death and the "the violent response by security forces to ensuing protests." She said there must be an independent investigation into "Mahsa Amini's tragic death and allegations of torture and ill-treatment."

The world is in great peril, says UN chief

Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS

In an alarming assessment, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told world leaders on Tuesday that nations are "gridlocked in colossal global dysfunction" and aren't ready or willing to tackle the major challenges that threaten the future of humanity.

Speaking at the opening of the General Assembly's annual top-level meeting, the UN chief pointed to the war in Ukraine, multiplying conflicts around the world, the climate emergency, the dire financial situation of developing countries, and recent reversals of progress on such U.N. goals as ending extreme poverty and providing quality education for all children. "Our world is in peril – and paralysed," Mr. Guterres said. Stressing that cooperation and dialogue are the only path forward, he warned that "no power or group alone can call the shots."

INBRIEF

Moody's withdraws Kalyan Jewellers' B2 long-term rating

Moody's Investors Service has withdrawn the B2 long-term corporate family rating of Kalyan Jewellers. Moody's had earlier given it a 'stable' rating outlook. "In view of the current market conditions, the company has pushed back its plans to access the international debt capital markets. Moody's has decided to withdraw the rating for its own business reasons," it said.

India's WinZO sues Google to stop new gaming policy

Indian online gaming platform WinZO has sued Google to stop the tech giant from allowing real-money games for fantasy sports and rummy on its platform, saying that Google's doing so is discriminatory, a legal filing seen by Reuters showed. WinZO's app offers real-money games in those categories but also in many others that Google still will not accept, such as carrom, puzzles and car racing, and will therefore not be eligible to benefit from the newly adopted Google policy. REUTERS

RBI lifts PCA restrictions on Central Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to take Central Bank of India out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) restrictions subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring.

"The performance of the Central Bank of India, currently under the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) of RBI, was reviewed by the Board for Financial Supervision," the RBI said in a circular. "It was noted that as per the assessed figures of the bank for the year ended March 31, 2022, the bank is not in the breach of the PCA parameters," the RBI added.

Das flags issues with digital lending such as data privacy, rates

RBI Governor asks fintech entities to follow traffic rules for their own safety and the safety of others, as volume of business, players increase

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday flagged concerns related to digital lending including a spate of complaints regarding usurious interest rates, unethical recovery practices and data privacy issues and emphasised the need for the fintech industry to focus on governance, business conduct, regulatory compliance and risk mitigation to ensure that customers were protected even as their needs were served.

"The RBI has endeavoured to address these issues proactively and, as early as in June 2020, regulatory guidance was provided to our Regulated Entities," Mr. Das told participants at the Global Fintech Fest. "This guidance... mandated that digital lending platforms disclose the names of the banks/ NBFCs upfront on whose behalf they were providing credit," he said.

The regulatory norms aim to balance customer protection and business conduct on the one hand and support innovation on the other, Mr Das noted.

"Let me emphasise that while innovations are very much welcome, they must be responsible and should enhance the efficiency and resiliency of the financial system while benefitting the consumers," he said.

Close watch: Fintech needs to protect customers from usurious interest rates, unethical recovery practices, says Das. REUTERS

He said robust internal product and service assurance frameworks, together with fair and transparent governance, would go a long way to safeguard the interests of customers and ensure long-term sustainability of the fintech entities themselves.

'Strengthen oversight'

"The level of due-diligence and oversight exercised by the regulated entities on their outsourced activities needs to be strengthened further. This would help in proactive mitigation of risks at the incipient stage itself," he said. "The need of the hour is to ensure assurance of safety after following a process of green-lighting (whitelisting) and due-diligence by the regulated entities," the RBI chief noted, citing the unbridled mushrooming of digital lending apps.

"At the end of the day, sustainability of any fintech activity or business is about enhanced customer protection, better cybersecurity and resilience, managing financial integrity and strong data protection," he said.

"The fintech road ahead will witness ever growing traffic in addition to the large number of existing players who are already there. It is, therefore, imperative that every player on this road follows the traffic rules for his/her own safety and the safety of others," he highlighted.

Trade officials have no bandwidth to take up fresh FTAs: Goyal

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal signalled on Tuesday that India's trade negotiators did not have 'bandwidth' left to negotiate any fresh free trade agreements or FTAs beyond those already in the works, even as more and more countries were keen to engage with India for such pacts.

The United Kingdom, Mr. Goyal said at a FICCI event, had informed him two days earlier that they still wanted to seal the trade deal with India by Deepavali. "The world wants to engage with us," he asserted. "The world has more confidence in us than I think we have in us."

"I was with the New Zealand minister before I came here. NZ is very far away with very small economic interests... and he said even if you are not interested in an FTA... and honestly, I have no bandwidth to start any more FTAs," Mr. Goyal remarked.

'Buying time'

"I already have Israel waiting in the wings, apart from U.K., Canada and the EU. The Gulf Cooperation Council's terms of reference are finalised and they are very keen to launch quickly... it was also on my agenda during the visit to Saudi Arabia to buy some time, because the Ministry just has no bandwidth to engage with another set of six countries on the GCC negotiations," the Minister added.

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> **PIYUSH GOYAL**
> Commerce and Industry Minister

The United States' recent $40 billion semiconductor policy enunciated through the Chips Act appeared "very similar" from India's one year-old policy for the sector, Mr. Goyal contended, stressing that India's self-reliance push was 'ahead of the curve'.

"The U.S. is talking of building America better and bringing manufacturing back. The only one piece of legislation that they have managed to get passed with bipartisan support is the CHIPS Act to support the semiconductor industry with $40 billion. We were well ahead of the curve and came out with a policy for the sector a year ago. And if you see the CHIPS Act, it draws a lot... I don't know if it draws from our policy, but it's very similar to our own policy," he asserted.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	59,723	0.08
US Dollar	79.74	0.08
Gold	49,766	0.39
Brent oil	96.54	-1.15

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	970.25	10.85
Apollo Hosp	4658.35	251.15
Asian Paints	3359.25	76.95
Axis Bank	812.75	14.95
Bajaj Auto	3768.65	40.35
Bajaj Finserv	17706.65	33.85
Bajaj Finance	7635.40	126.30
Bharti Airtel	702.15	9.40
BPCL	322.90	2.90
Britannia Ind	3650.80	58.25
Cipla	1092.30	16.00
Coal India	229.85	-0.85
Divis Lab	3931.55	12.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4216.60	126.85
Eicher Motors	3711.55	121.30
Grasim Ind	1741.65	-7.70
HCL Tech	934.80	16.20
HDFC	2686.25	44.85
HDFC Bank	1520.70	18.10
HDFC Life	558.75	11.95
Hero MotoCorp	2771.55	67.15
Hindalco	421.45	9.30
Hind Unilever	2583.55	4.30
ICICI Bank	918.75	17.55
Indusind Bank	1264.10	38.35
Infosys	1388.55	-1.75
ITC	336.80	0.40
JSW Steel	688.80	9.85
Kotak Bank	1939.75	10.25
L&T	1932.70	22.90
M&M	1302.55	14.30
Maruti Suzuki	9308.65	20.90
Nestle India	18616.65	-148.90
NTPC	171.80	0.80
ONGC	133.20	2.65
PowerGrid Corp	232.70	-0.45
Reliance Ind	2502.85	0.40
SBI Life	1309.30	6.00
State Bank	574.65	1.80
Shree Cement	23242.70	-158.40
Sun Pharma	911.55	37.10
Tata Consumer Product	804.20	11.20
Tata Motors	434.25	8.80
Tata Steel	108.80	2.70
TCS	3046.30	11.50
Tech Mahindra	1056.15	16.65
Titan	2684.60	64.20
UltraTech Cement	6484.65	24.80
UPL	710.50	7.65
Wipro	404.50	2.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.55	79.87
Euro	79.51	79.83
British Pound	90.99	91.38
Japanese Yen (100)	55.41	55.63
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.38
Swiss Franc	82.35	82.68
Singapore Dollar	56.44	56.68
Canadian Dollar	59.86	60.16
Malaysian Ringgit	17.44	17.53
Australian Dollar	53.35	53.57

Source:Indian Bank

SpiceJet places 90 pilots on leave without pay for three months to rationalise costs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet has decided to place close to 90 pilots on leave without pay for a period of three months to rationalise both costs and its pilot-to-aircraft ratio.

The pilots belong to the airline's Boeing 737 and Q-400 fleets. On July 27, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation had ordered SpiceJet to not fly more than 50% of its scheduled flights for the next eight weeks over "degraded safety" because of its inability to pay for maintenance. The eight-week period ends on September 25.

A senior official at SpiceJet told *The Hindu:* "We have substantially more number of pilots than required" and attributed the situation to short-term and medium-term lease periods for 31 erstwhile Jet Airways planes coming to an end as well as the delay in induction of Boeing 737 MAX planes.

The person said that in the normal course, the airline would have inducted 40 MAXs by now, but the "grounding and the return to service [requirements] as well as Boeing's inability to deliver aircraft" had disturbed its plans. "SpiceJet will have sufficient number of pilots to operate its full schedule as and when the DGCA restriction on flights is lifted," the airline said in a statement.

The carrier has close to 50 planes in its fleet compared with more than 90 in early 2021.

The person quoted said there are "800-1,000" pilots in the airline. The airline also plans to expand its fleet and "is exploring all options, including wet leases". Under a wet lease, the lessor provides the aircraft as well as crew.

Fintech firms must look at underserved segments: FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday implored fintech players to evolve their digital financial innovations so as to come up with full-service offerings for the underserved demographic of the country and said several countries are in talks with India to enable homegrown payment mechanisms like the UPI and Rupay cards.

Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest, Ms. Sitharaman cited the example of SBI's Yono Krishi digital platform unveiled in 2019.

Farmers can use it not only to track prices of crops and critical inputs, but also to carry out transactions, she noted.

Coffee Board to develop sustainability code

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The Coffee Board is coming out with a sustainability code for Indian coffee, said K.G. Jagadeesha, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board.

In an interview, Mr. Jagadeesha said Indian coffee was grown uniquely in the midst of thick flora and fauna, hand picked and sun dried. But, these features were not highlighted when the coffee was shipped.

"So, we thought we should come out with a code," he added.

KKR, Hero to invest $450 million in HFE

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

This investment will support HFE's efforts to expand renewable energy capacity

KKR and Hero Group said they had signed an agreement with Hero Future Energies (HFE) to invest $450 million in HFE.

This investment would position HFE for continued growth and support its efforts to expand its renewable-energy capacity and capabilities across technologies such as solar, wind, battery storage, and green hydrogen, and into new markets over time, KKR said in a statement.

Through its range of solutions, HFE would also look to support companies in their efforts to decarbonise and transition towards sustainable-energy sources to achieve their net zero emission goals, it added.

HFE is an independent power producer with a diversified portfolio of 1.6 GW of operating solar and wind projects.

"Beyond supporting HFE's growth, this round of investment led by KKR will help accelerate India's energy transition," KKR said in the statement.

Post-COVID inflation may become sticky, says AIMA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

There is a threat of post-COVID inflation becoming sticky because of disruption of global markets for energy, food, finance and raw material, AIMA President C. K. Ranganathan said on Tuesday.

Geopolitics is making things worse, as 'the battle of bans between the powerful adversaries is feeding fears of shortages and inflationary expectations,' Mr. Ranganathan, who is also chairman & managing director of CavinKare, said.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department Mangaluru Division Mangaluru
Ref :-PW:DIV:MAG:TND(37E/6E):2022-23:JE-3: Dated :19.09.2022

SHORTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION /4th Call / 5th Call

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act Indent No : 153260 **Under the Head Of Account 5054- District and Other Roads. The Last date for reciept of above tender: 27.09.2022 upto 16.00 Hours.**
Inviting Tender **4th Call** for Indent No: 151900 and **5th Call** for Indent No: 151762 **Under the Head Of Account 5054 MDR Bridge. The Last date for reciept of above tender : 28.09.2022 upto 16.00 Hours.**
In the above Work Highest Cost of Estimate is Rs.78.00 Lakhs & Lowest Cost of Estimate is Rs.8.00 Lakhs. Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
DIPR/MNG/MCA/61122-23 dt 20.09.2022
Sd/- Executive Engineer

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, KOPPAL
TEL.NO: 08539 -231054 FAX.NO: 08539-231054 E-Mail: kn-kop @ pmgsy.nic.in
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency, Project Division Koppal invites Item Rate Tenders for the KKRDB 2022-23 Micro work shown in the below table as per Standard Bid Document KW-4 through e-procurement portal in two cover system.
Name of Work 1) Improvements to road From J Rampur to M Gudadur road (Ch:0.280 to 3.430km) in Kustagi taluka of Koppal district. (2nd Call) (Indent No:KRRDA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDENT5521). Estimated Contract Value (Rs Lakhs) : **200.00.** Stipulated Period of completion : **9 months** (including monsoon period). EMD amount in Lakhs : **3.00 Lakhs.**
Calendar of events of tendering is as follows: 1. Pre-Bid Meeting for KW-4 : **21.09.2022, 11.00 hrs.** 2. Last date for receipt of objections & queries : **22.09.2022, 16.30 hrs.** 3. Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid : **27.09.2022, 16.30 hrs.** 4. Opening of Technical bid : **28.09.2022, 16.31 hrs.** 5. Opening of Financial bid : **After technical bid approval.**
For any further information, contact Executive Engineer, Project Division Koppal during office hours (Ph. 08539 –231054). Details can be had from the https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
DIPR/KOPPAL/337/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY
Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Project Division, Koppal

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
Phone: 0816-2252937.
NO.24/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-2/2022-23/1690
Date:17.09.2022

Short-term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal .http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of C N HALLI, GUBBI, KORATAGERE AND KUNIGAL Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.9.04 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.11,300/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.87.21 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.1,74,420/-)
Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **27.09.2022** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date:**23.09.2022** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical Opening of Bids: **28.09.2022** at 17.30PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids: **03.10.2022** at 11.00 AM onwards.
For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executve Engineer, RDW & S Division, Tumkur.
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SHORT TERM BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION - CALL 2 (Through e-procurement)

The Chief Engineer, Electy., Bangalore Metropolitan Area South Zone, BESCOM, Bangalore, invites tenders for the following Civil Engineering works coming under Bangalore Metropolitan Area South Zone jurisdiction through e-procurement portal in two cover System.

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount in Cr.	EMD in Lakhs
1	CEE/BMASZ/EE (CIVIL)/22-23/07-Call 2 Dated 19.09.2022	Restoration of Road / pavement (cement concreting / asphalting) works by BESCOM for the work of Conversion of OH line into UG/AB cable in West Circle of BMAZ(S), BESCOM, Bangalore.	14.78	15.00

(a) Pre bid meeting: 22.09.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. **(b) Last date & time for tender queries/ Clarifications:** 23.09.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs. **(c) BESCOM response to queries latest by** 26.09.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs. **(d) Last date & time for Receipt of Tenders:** 29.09.2022 upto 18:00 Hrs. **(e) Date & time of Opening technical bid:** 01.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs. **(f) Date & time of opening Price bid:** Will be intimated later. The Tenders can be obtained through e-procurement portal web-site https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring Bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com**.

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BMASZ, BESCOM

IN THE COURT OF THE 57TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL, BENGALURU (CCH No. 58)
P & S.C No. 25019 of 2022

BETWEEN: HABEEB KANVI MAQBOOL, S/o Late Jamila Khanum, aged about 46 years, R/at No. 56, 4th Cross, Seshadri Road, Marappa Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru - 560046.... **PETTIONER**
AND: MUJEEB UR REHMAN AND ANOTHER ... **RESPONDENTS**

Service of Notice by Paper Publication under Order V Rule 20(1), of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

RESPONDENT No. 2: SRI. LIOTH RAJ KANIVE, S/o Late Jamila Khanum, aged about 48 years, R/at No. Flat F2, N.N. Homes, Site No. 5, Behind D.S. Max Splendor Apartments, Kenaguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara - 560 090

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above petition for grant of succession certificate in respect of Banks being Canara Bank, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank being operated by the deceased Late Mrs. Jamila Khanum K.M W/o Late KM. Maqbool also known as Maqbool Kanvi Mohammed, R/at No 56, 4th Cross, Sheshadri Road, Marappa Garden, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046, who was a homemaker, who died on 29.04.2021 at Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Bengaluru in favour of the Petitioner. The Hon'ble Court has issued emergent notice of suit through paper publication. You are hereby summoned to appear before 57th Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, this Hon'ble Court on **28-10-2022** at 11 am in person or through a pleader, failing which the suit will be disposed off exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 20-09-2022.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No. 50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru.

ICC decides to make saliva ban permanent

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The use of saliva to polish the ball was on Tuesday banned permanently as the ICC announced a slew of changes to its playing conditions, which will come into effect on October 1.

The game's governing body also changed running out of the non-striker by the bowler from the 'unfair play' section to the 'run out' section.

The changes were announced after the Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) ratified recommendations made by the ICC Cricket Committee, led by former India captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly.

The ICC had earlier barred use of saliva to shine the ball in view of COVID-19 and the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in March had completely banned its application in its amendments to the 2022 code.

Hales. AFP

England wins first T20I against Pakistan

Agence France-Presse
KARACHI

A new-look England side took the opening T20I by six wickets on Tuesday, marking its return to Pakistan after 17 years in a memorable way.

Opener Alex Hales hit a 40-ball 53 to anchor England's chase of a modest 159-run target in 19.2 overs.

Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan scored 46-ball 68 to help Pakistan to 158 for seven in its 20 overs.

The scores: Pakistan 158/7 in 20 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 68, Babar Azam 31, Iftikhar Ahmed 28; Luke Wood 3/24, Adil Rashid 2/27) lost to England 160/4 in 19.2 overs (Alex Hales 53, Harry Brook 42 n.o., Usman Qadir 2/36). **Toss:** England.

Ponting says 100 tons 'possible' for Kohli

Melbourne: Surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's feat of 100 international centuries is "possible" for Virat Kohli, Ricky Ponting said. Kohli ended a wait of 1,020 days for his 71st hundred, equalling Ponting's feat of 71 tons, when he smashed 122 not out against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup.

NZ's Guptill set to play in his seventh T20 WC

Martin Guptill is set to play at a seventh T20 World Cup after New Zealand on Tuesday kept the nucleus of the squad beaten in last year's final.

The 35-year-old batter was named in a 15-man squad under captain Kane Williamson for the World Cup in Australia, which starts on October 16.

Batters Finn Allen and Michael Bracewell will make their World Cup debuts as the only new faces in the squad which lost the 2021 final to Australia in the UAE.

Only a handful of players have featured at seven T20 World Cups and Guptill is the first from New Zealand.

The squad:
Kane Williamson (capt.), Finn Allen, Trent Boult, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway (wk), Lockie Ferguson, Martin Guptill, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi and Tim Southee.

"The season has been a great learning experience for me

M. SREESHANKAR
Long jumper

Smriti rises to career-best second in T20Is

Star India opener Smriti Mandhana on Tuesday achieved a career-best World No. 2 rank in T20Is and climbed to the seventh spot in ODIs in the latest ICC Women's Player Rankings, riding on her stupendous show against England. She had aggregated 111 runs in the three-match T20I series against England.

"I think I played my best in CWG but every player has ups and down in their lives. It's not finished for me just because I didn't get a medal at the CWG

MANIKA BATRA

Green, Wade punish listless Indian attack; Aussies 1-0 up

Hardik's cavalier, unbeaten innings of 71 off 30 balls, including three sixes off the final three deliveries of the innings, pilots the Men in Blue to 208 but it proves insufficient; Rahul and Suryakumar chip in with rapid knocks

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
MOHALI

As anticipated, India's brittle bowling resources failed to prevent Australia's batting might from chasing down even a 200-plus target and winning the first T20I match at the PCA Stadium here on Tuesday.

After a late blitzkrieg by Hardik Pandya and his 6, 6, 6, finish to an unbeaten 71 took India to 208 for six, Australia reached the target with four wickets and four deliveries to spare.

Briefly, India looked in with a chance when three wickets fell in the space of 17 balls to leave Australia at 145 for five in 14.1 overs.

It was Umesh Yadav's second over that saw two DRS-aided decisions of caught behind against Steve Smith and Glenn Maxwell which brought India back into the game. But the chase regained momentum with Matthew Wade (45 n.o., 21b, 6x4, 2x6) getting into the act.

After Bhuvneshwar conceded 15 runs, including three wides, Wade hit two sixes off Harshal in an over that went for 22 runs in which the bowler dropped a return catch. Wade then smashed three successive fours in a 16-run penultimate over from Bhuvneshwar (0/52) to bring down the equation to just two off the final over.

The foundation of the chase was laid by openers Cameron Green (61 off 30) and Aaron Finch (22, 13b, 3x4, 1x6).

When India batted, the cheap dismissals of Rohit Sharma (11, 9b, 1x4, 1x6) and Virat Kohli (2, 7b) did not hurt India since K.L. Rahul (55, 35b, 4x4, 3x6), Suryakumar Yadav (46, 25b, 2x4, 4x6) and eventually, Hardik (71 n.o., 30b, 7x4, 5x6) maintained high strike rates.

Firing away: Green, batting at the top of the order, flayed the Indian bowlers. R.V. MOORTHY

Shifting gears
In fact, 14 overs produced double-digit scores as the Indians smashed 16 boundaries and 13 sixes.

Significanly, the flourish of Hardik was much needed, considering how often India has failed to build on the gains of the first 10 overs.

Rahul smashed a 32-ball half-century. However, he tried to swing over the deep square fielder but could not beat Nathan Ellis.

Soon, Suryakumar smashed two successive sixes to end Zampa's spell. Hardik welcomed Green with a six to start the 14th over. But Suryakumar departed in the same over.

Though Axar Patel, who later took three for 17, and Dinesh Karthik could not contribute much.

Hardik, however, took charge and belted the bowlers all over. Hardik saved his best for the last as three sixes landed in different parts of the ground: a flat-batted six over midwicket, the next over long-off and the third one over the point boundary to cap the innings. However, it did not prove enough.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul c Ellis b Hazlewood 55 *(35b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Ellis b Hazlewood 11 *(9b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Virat Kohli c Green b Ellis 2 *(7b)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Wade b Green 46 *(25b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 71 *(30b, 7x4, 5x6)*, Axar Patel c Green b Ellis 6 *(5b, 1x4)*, Dinesh Karthik lbw b Ellis 6 *(5b)*, Harshal Patel (not out) 7 *(4b, 1x4)*; Extras (w-4): 4; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 208.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-21 (Rohit, 2.4 overs), 2-35 (Kohli, 4.5), 3-103 (Rahul, 11.5), 4-126 (Suryakumar, 13.3), 5-146 (Axar, 15.5), 6-176 (Karthik, 18.1).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Hazlewood 4-0-39-2, Cummins 4-0-47-0, Zampa 4-0-36-0, Ellis 4-0-30-3, Green 3-0-46-1, Maxwell 1-0-10-0.

AUSTRALIA
Aaron Finch b Axar 22 *(13b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Cameron Green c Kohli b Axar 61 *(30b, 8x4, 4x6)*, Steve Smith c Karthik b Umesh 35 *(24b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Glenn Maxwell c Karthik b Umesh 1 *(3b)*, Josh Inglis b Axar 17 *(10b, 3x4)*, Tim David c Hardik b Chahal 18 *(14b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Matthew Wade (not out) 45 *(21b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Pat Cummins (not out) 4 *(1b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-6): 8; Total (for six wkts. in 19.2 overs): 211.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-39 (Finch, 3.3), 2-109 (Green, 10.1), 3-122 (Smith, 11.3), 4-123 (Maxwell, 11.6), 5-145 (Inglis, 14.1), 6-207 (David, 19.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 4-0-52-0, Umesh 2-0-27-2, Axar 4-0-17-3, Chahal 3.2-0-42-1, Harshal 4-0-49-0, Hardik 2-0-22-0.

Toss: Australia; **MoM:** Green.
Australia won by four wickets with four balls to spare to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.
Second T20I: Sept. 23, Nagpur, 7 p.m.

Leading the charge: Harmanpreet, in the company of Smriti, powered the chase in the first ODI. GETTY IMAGES

India eyes rare series victory in England

Press Trust of India
CANTERBURY

A confident Indian team will back itself to seal its first series victory in England since 1999 with another win over the hosts in the second women's ODI here on Wednesday.

Having endured a woeful 1-2 defeat in the T20I series, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led Indian side raised its standards in all the departments of the game to bounce back in three days' time and defeat England by seven wickets in the series-opener at Hove on Sunday.

Much better team
England is missing some of its senior players but India looked a much better team in the first game and the visitors will be looking to ride the momentum.

In 1999, the Indian team had won the ODI series 2-1 with Anjum Chopra striking a hundred and a half-century.

It is also a farewell series for the great Jhulan Goswami as India does not have any 50-over assignment till June 2023.

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana led the batting show with a sublime 99-ball 91, while wicket-keeper-batter Yastika Bhatia also struck a fifty, before skipper Harmanpreet finished off the clinical chase with an unbeaten 74.

The captain will be expecting the middle-order to step up and hope opener Shafali Verma does well as she has not scored a half-century in more than 10 innings now.

England, on the other hand, will hope that its batters put up a big total as they will rely heavily on in-form Sophia Dunkley who had a successful T20I series.

Dunkley and Alice Capsey once again looked dangerous in the middle before a one-handed catch by Harmanpreet broke the partnership and triggered a collapse.

The teams (from):
India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Sabbineni Meghana, Deepti Sharma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Sneh Rana, Renuka Thakur, Meghna Singh, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Harleen Deol, Dayalan Hemalatha, Simran Dil Bahadur, Jhulan Goswami, Taniyaa Bhatia and Jemimah Rodrigues.
England: Amy Jones (Capt. & wk), Tammy Beaumont, Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Kate Cross, Freya Davies, Alice Davidson-Richards, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Eclestone, Freya Kemp, Issy Wong and Danni Wyatt.
Match starts at 5.30 p.m. IST.

No. 3 is a vital slot and I like the challenge, says Vihari

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

Hanuma Vihari has steel in his bones. He's gutsy, calm, focused and leads by example.

The 28-year-old Vihari has 839 runs from 16 Tests at 33.56, most of them made in tough overseas conditions, often taking knocks on the body. "I put a price on my wicket," he told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

In First Class cricket, Vihari has 8002 runs at a whopping average of 55.56. An innings-builder, he certainly is.

And pre-match preparation played a huge role in his game. "Before the match, I read books to keep my mind relaxed. I do not spend too much energy."

He added, "I have a look at the pitch and decide for myself which shots I can play on this surface. I am intense going into a match. Nothing should be left to chance."

Gritty customer: Vihari says he puts a price on his wicket. R.RAGU

A sound backfoot player, Vihari is comfortable at the crucial No. 3 slot. Against North at Salem, he got a hundred in this position.

Vihari observed, "In the Test series against Sri Lanka, I batted No 3. In the Birmingham Test this year I came in at No. 3. It's a vital slot and I like the challenge."

About captaining South Zone, he said, "I have been in domestic cricket long enough to know the bowlers. So I can rotate and make the best use of them."

And his "in-out" field placements worked against North. "I did not want to concede boundaries but at the same time wanted wickets,"

Vihari revealed Sachin Tendulkar was the reason he took to cricket.

In his style of play, he is closest to Rahul Dravid. "He's a legend. I have a long way to go. I want to be my own player. I know leaving the ball and defence are extremely important," said Vihari.

Favourite shots
He can play sparking shots too. Nothing gives Vihari more joy than essaying the straight-dive off fast bowlers. And he relishes hitting spinners over their head." His back-foot punches and cuts catch the eye.

Marathon man Vihari has courage and character.

Tamil Nadu women set up a semifinal clash with Maharashtra

K. Keerthivasan
SURAT

Comprising of debutants, the Tamil Nadu women's team entered the medal round of the table tennis event of the 36th National Games, with a thrilling 3-2 win over Karnataka, here on Tuesday.

Tamil Nadu will now face top seed Maharashtra, which had an all-win record in Group-A, in the semifinals on Wednesday. The former was a bronze medallist at the last Games in 2015.

In the last women's Group-B match of the day to decide the second team to qualify for the last four, Tamil Nadu pipped Karnataka 3-2 to book its spot. In the fifth and deciding rubber, C.R. Harshavardini fought back, after losing the first two games, to overcome V. Kushi 5-11, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9, 11-6.

Rising to the occasion: Harshavardini delivered when it mattered. FILE PHOTO

Handling the pressure
"It was the usual pressure that one encounters in the fifth rubber. I am very happy that I could come through. I last played and won against Kushi in the 2018 Youth National-ranking tournament in Vijayawada," said Harshavardini to *The Hindu*.

West Bengal will take on Telangana in the other women's semifinal.

Top seed Gujarat will take on West Bengal while Maharashtra, seeded second, will clash with Delhi in the men's semifinals.

In their third and last group match, Gujarat blanked Telangana with Harmeet Desai, Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah scripting victories.

Important results:
Men: Group A: Gujarat bt Telangana 3-0; B: Maharashtra bt Karnataka 3-0.
Women: (Stage I, Round 3):
Group-A: Maharashtra bt Haryana 3-2.
B: West Bengal bt U.P. 3-0.
Tamil Nadu bt Karnataka 3-2 (S. Yashini bt V. Kushi 11-5, 13-11, 11-9; C.R. Harshavardini lost to Yashaswini Ghorpade 7-11,8-11,11-8, 2-11; V. Kowshika bt Mariya Rony 11-5, 11-8, 6-11, 11-6; Yashini lost to Yashwaswini 7-11, 11-8, 11-13, 11-7, 8-11; Harshavardini bt Kushi 5-11, 9-11, 11-4, 11-9, 11-6).

INBRIEF

Lewandowski's assurance to Shevchenko

Robert Lewandowski received a captain's armband in yellow-and-blue from Andriy Shevchenko in Warsaw and promised the former Ballon d'Or winner: "I will carry the colours of Ukraine to the World Cup. As a player and a man, I support peace and I believe such symbolic gestures matter."

Women's T20 Asia Cup: India to meet Pakistan on Oct. 7

India will meet Pakistan on October 7 in the Women's T20 Asia Cup, scheduled to begin in Bangladesh's Sylhet from next month, Asian Cricket Council president Jay Shah announced on Tuesday. Seven teams will take part in the 15-day tournament, starting on October 1.

The tournament will be held in a round-robin format with the top four teams qualifying for the semifinals.

India start its campaign on the opening day against Sri Lanka. It next plays Malaysia (October 3) and UAE (October 4) on successive days before taking on Pakistan.

The final is slated for October 15.

Australia confirms Nitschke as full-time women's team coach

Former all-rounder Shelley Nitschke has been handed a four-year contract as head coach of the Australian women's team, Cricket Australia said on Tuesday. In her role as an interim coach, Nitschke guided Australia to a historic Commonwealth Games gold medal after the team registered a narrow win over India in the final. An assistant coach with Australia since 2018, Nitschke was in charge of the side since Matthew Mott left earlier this year.

Sonia and Kaviya net brace as Kickstart hits Kemp for a six

Kickstart FC blanked Kemp FC 6-0 in the KSFA women's football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: Kickstart 6 (Sonia 16, 39, Kaviya 18, 59, Maitreyi 49, Monalisa 64) bt Kemp 0; Roots 5 (Sanjita 16, 36, 50, Iniya 22, 44) bt Rebels 1 (Kajol Kumari 71).

Last-gasp strikes help FC Deccan salvage a draw

Two late goals helped FC Deccan salvage a 2-2 draw against ASC in the BDFA Super Division football league at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Tuesday.

The results: FC Deccan 2 (Sandeep Manoharan 88, Mohammed Shibili 90) drew with ASC 2 (Dip Majumdar 54, Tongbram Krishnakanta 78).

South versus West promises to be an engrossing summit clash

The wicket is expected to be lively in nature, encouraging the pacers and testing the skillset of the batters; control and judicious use of short-pitched ball will be the key for speedsters

DULEEP TROPHY

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Gearing up: Vihari, second right, leads his South Zone teammates in a training session. M. PERIASAMY

The live green grass covering the pitch here could not have been a greater contrast to the spinner-friendly surface at Salem.

There is every indication that this wicket will be lively in nature, encouraging the pacemen and testing the skillset of the batters.

West Zone versus South Zone has produced some classic Duleep Trophy duels in the past and Wednesday's five-day final between the two teams could add one more to the list.

One change likely

Keeping the nature of the track in mind, South is likely to make one change from the team that outplayed North at Salem.

Left-arm seamer C. Stephen is expected to come in for left-arm spinner Tanay Thyagarajan.

It will be hard on Thyagarajan who bowled capably at Salem.

Stephen will provide skipper Hanuma Vihari another angle of attack. The Andhra left-arm pacer has 105 First Class wickets in 30 games.

Of course, the nippy Basil Thampi will be the leader of the pace pack and seam bowling all-rounder Ravi Teja will complete it.

As the match wears on, South's in-form spin spearhead left-armer R. Sai Kishore and off-spinner K. Gowtham could come into the picture.

West's pace trio of Jaydev Unadkat, Chetan Sakaria and Chintan Gaja will surely test the South lineup. Unadkat and Sakaria bring with them the left-armer's angle and variations, while Gaja is a genuine swing bowler.

West also possesses left-arm spinner Shams Mulani, who has been merrily scalp-hunting since the last Ranji season.

It would be interesting to see how young and prolific opener Rohan Kunnummal fares on this pitch against a decent pace attack. Would he change his approach or continue to be adventurous?

South has the batting might. Mayank Agarwal and skipper Vihari are solid and dependable and the side bats deep.

Kunnummal, Vihari, Ricky Bhui and Ravi Teja, all made hundreds in the semifinal. And B. Indrajith looked in good touch.

West has Ajinkya Rahane, a wily captain, as its most experienced batter. Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer and Sarfaraz Khan are all capable of conjuring game-changing innings.

On a pitch such as this, slip catching will be of vital importance. For the pacers, off-stump line, control and judicious use of the short-pitched ball will be the key.

The skipper winning the toss will have a tough decision to make – give his pacemen the first use of a lively pitch, or bat first, brazen it out in the first two sessions, and avoid batting last on the pitch.

It promises to be an intriguing match-up.

Keeping the nature of the track in mind, South is likely to make one change from the team that outplayed North in the semifinals

The teams (from): South Zone: Hanuma Vihari (captain): Mayank Agarwal, Rohan Kunnummal, Manish Pandey, Baba Indrajith, Ricky Bhui, K. Gowtham, R. Sai Kishore, Ravi Teja, Basil Thampi, C. Stephen, Tanay Thyagarajan, Eknath Kerkar, Lakshay Garg and Devdutt Paddikkal.

West Zone: Ajinkya Rahane (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Priyank Panchal, Shreyas Iyer, Sarfaraz Khan, Chirag Jani, Het Patel, Hardik Tamore, Shams Mulani, Tanish Kotian, Atit Seth, Chintan Gaja, Chetan Sakariya, Jaydev Unadkat and Satyajeet Bachha.

LIVE TELECAST

Duleep Trophy: Final, West vs. South, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

England Women v India Women: 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony Liv, 5.30 p.m.

Tirkey to face Bhola Nath, Katyal for HI chief's post

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Former India captain Dilip Tirkey, who is the frontrunner for Hockey India president's post, will be up against Uttar Pradesh Hockey chief Rakesh Katyal and Hockey Jharkhand's Bhola Nath Singh in the elections of the national federation to be held on October 1.

But there is a twist in the tale as Uttar Pradesh Hockey secretary general R.P. Singh has requested Katyal to withdraw his nomination and support Tirkey instead.

"We are happy to know that a former player like Dilip Tirkey has filed his nomination for president. I request Mr. Rakesh to take back his nomination. I am sure that Mr. Rakesh will think about the development and growth of hockey and take back his nomination," Singh wrote in his letter to Katyal.

Gaikwad looks to build on the momentum

S. Dipak Ragav
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Gaikwad. R. RAGU

Ruturaj Gaikwad is coming fresh off good knocks against New Zealand-A in the four-day match last week in Bengaluru.

The Maharashtra opener scored 108 & 94 in the third unofficial Test for India-A and got some valuable time in the middle after modest outings in the first two matches

After a practice session here ahead of the three-match one-day series against the same opponent, Gaikwad said he is looking to build on the momentum from the last match and make full use of the game time.

"I have not played much [in recent times] and even the three matches [the First Class matches] were a great opportunity to play. So it is the same with the one-day series.

"I am looking forward to a good opportunity to play, spend some time in the middle and enjoy," said the 25-year-old on Tuesday.

Gaikwad had a breakout series in 2021 during the IPL and forced his way into the India T20 squads whenever the main players were not available.

Making progress

While the 2022 IPL was subdued by the standard he set the previous year, the stylish opener feels he has made progress every year.

"Last two years, every year has been progressive and that's what I feel. It's not determined by the number of runs because runs will go up and down. First IPL I scored 600, and in the second IPL, I scored 400 [actually 368] but still people talk that I didn't have a good IPL. I think that is the standard I have set. The key is to keep progressing as a player and cricketer with whatever help I can get from support staff. The main goal is to keep improving in every practice session and try and rectify the mistakes."

On the importance of 'A' tours, Gaikwad said, "I think 'A' tour is just like an international tour. In domestic cricket, you know the opponents and you have faced them throughout your career or the year.

"But with the 'A' tour, you have players you have not played enough, and don't know the opponents' strength so it makes a huge difference.

"You get a sense of what it is to play at a higher level and what kind of pressure it is. It is a great opportunity and challenge."

I have never felt too much pressure, says Cleaver

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All in the family: Cleaver, a first cousin of Kiwi skipper Williamson, is trying to make a name for himself. TWITTER

After the three four-day matches in Bengaluru and Hubballi, the New Zealand-A team is in the city for a three-match one-day series against India-A starting on Thursday. All three matches will be day-games and the visitors had their first session on Tuesday morning, getting used to the hot and humid conditions.

Good mix

The squad has a good mix of players who have done well in domestic cricket and some with international experience like wicket-keeper Dane Cleaver.

The 30-year-old has played a handful of T20Is against Ireland, Scotland, and the Netherlands and a solitary ODI (against Scotland) this year.

Even as he is trying to make his mark, Cleaver is also known for who he is related to – he is the first cousin of Kane Williamson. Though he is only a year-and-half younger than the Kiwi skipper, Cleaver has had to wait a long time to earn his cap.

When asked about it if there was any pressure to shadow his older cousin into the national squad earlier, Cleaver said, "Not really. He has had his own path and I have had my own and that is the nature of the game. I have never felt too much pressure.

"Just proud to see him as one of the best. He is a fantastic guy, a great cricketer and I can see why Indian fans love him."

"Making my debut, he said you are here for a reason. Do what you have been doing and back yourself to do that," Cleaver added, on what his cousin said ahead of his first game for New Zealand.

While Mitchell Santner led the team when he made his debut, Cleaver is looking forward to playing under Williamson. "I was lucky to be in the Test squad (in England) and see him go about his work. It is a dream to play along with him."

Arjun leads, Praggnanandhaa joint second with Carlsen

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Sports Bureau

Arjun Erigaisi emerged as the day two leader and a fearless R. Praggnanandhaa came up with a stunning display against fellow joint-second Magnus Carlsen in their drawn encounter in the $150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup rapid online chess tournament on Monday.

On a day when Carlsen's stunning one-move resignation against USA's Hans Moke Niemann overshadowed everything else, the Indian teenagers reinforced their prowess.

After a hat-trick of victories on Sunday, Arjun stretched his winning streak to five by scalping Niemann and Levon Aronian. He drew with Praggnanandhaa and Ivan Saric to open up a two-point lead.

Arjun escapes

Praggnanandhaa drew with Poland's Radoslaw Wojtaszek, gained from a late error from Vincent Kaymer to win in 87 moves.

He did allow Arjun to escape with a draw in their 55-move encounter.

Pat from Carlsen

Against Carlsen, Pragnanandhaa traded his rooks for minor pieces but could not get past his rival's solid defence in this 67-move drawn battle.

Carlsen immediately applauded the young Indian's gusty display.

Vaishali draws

Meanwhile, in Astana, R. Vaishali (I) drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kazakhstan) in the third round of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix.

The standings (after eight rounds): 1. Arjun Erigaisi (17/24); 2-3. R. Praggnanandhaa, Magnus Carlsen (Nor), (15 each); 4-6. Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukr), Hans Moke Neimann (USA), Jan Krzysztof Duda (Pol) (13 each); 7-8. Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Pol), Liem Le Quang (Vie) (12 each); 9-10. Vincent Keymer (Ger) Levon Aronian (USA) (11 each).
11. Anish Giri (Ned, 10), 12. Ivan Saric (Cro, 9) 13. Christopher Yoo (USA, 8).
14. David Navara (Cze, 6); 15. Boris Gelfand (Isr, 5), 16. B. Adhiban 3).

You are always going to win when you have players like Sivasakthi in your team: Chhetri

FOOTBALL

Aashin Prasad
CHENNAI

In elite company: Sivasakthi with Chhetri, left, and Krishna, right. DURAND CUP MEDIA

On Sunday, amid Bengaluru FC's celebrations after the Durand Cup final victory over Mumbai City FC, cameras were busy capturing veterans Sunil Chhetri and Roy Krishna who sat next to each other by the touchline.

N. Sivasakthi walked over to the star strike-duo and Chhetri immediately made way for the youngster to take his place between them. Chhetri, then, pointed with his thumb towards Sivasakthi, letting the shutterbugs know who the man of the moment really was.

The scene was symbolic of Sivasakthi's tournament. Despite being played off the bench until the semifinals, he struck four goals, including a crucial strike against Odisha FC in the quarterfinal. He forced his way into the starting lineup for the final with his goals and his energy.

"He deserved to play because he is so confident and he offers us something different," said BFC coach Simon Grayson. "He is quick and runs off the top. And we have two technical players in Roy and Sunil, who allow him to do that."

At just 5'4", Sivasakthi was up against the experienced, towering Mumbai defensive duo of Mourtada Fall and Rostyn Griffiths. The rookie striker's task was to use his pace and run onto the long punts forward.

Persistent threat

Sivasakthi carried out his role to near perfection. In a match where Mumbai dominated possession (59%), Sivasakthi made little touches count and was a persistent threat. When Krishna chose to go for a shot from distance instead of picking out Sivasakthi's run, the latter wasn't afraid to let his senior partner know that he was in space for a better opening.

"What a superstar he is!" said Chhetri of the 21-year-old. "When you have players like Sivasakthi in your team you are always going to win."

Sivasakthi has been knocking on the door for more than a year. He was the top-scorer with 15 goals for BFC-B in the Bengaluru Super Division League last season. He scored on his first team debut in the AFC Cup and scored thrice in the last Durand Cup. He made seven substitute appearances in the ISL.

With the new ISL season almost upon us, it's time to sit back and enjoy in the youthful exuberance of Sivasakthi, even as Chhetri and Krishna do their thing.

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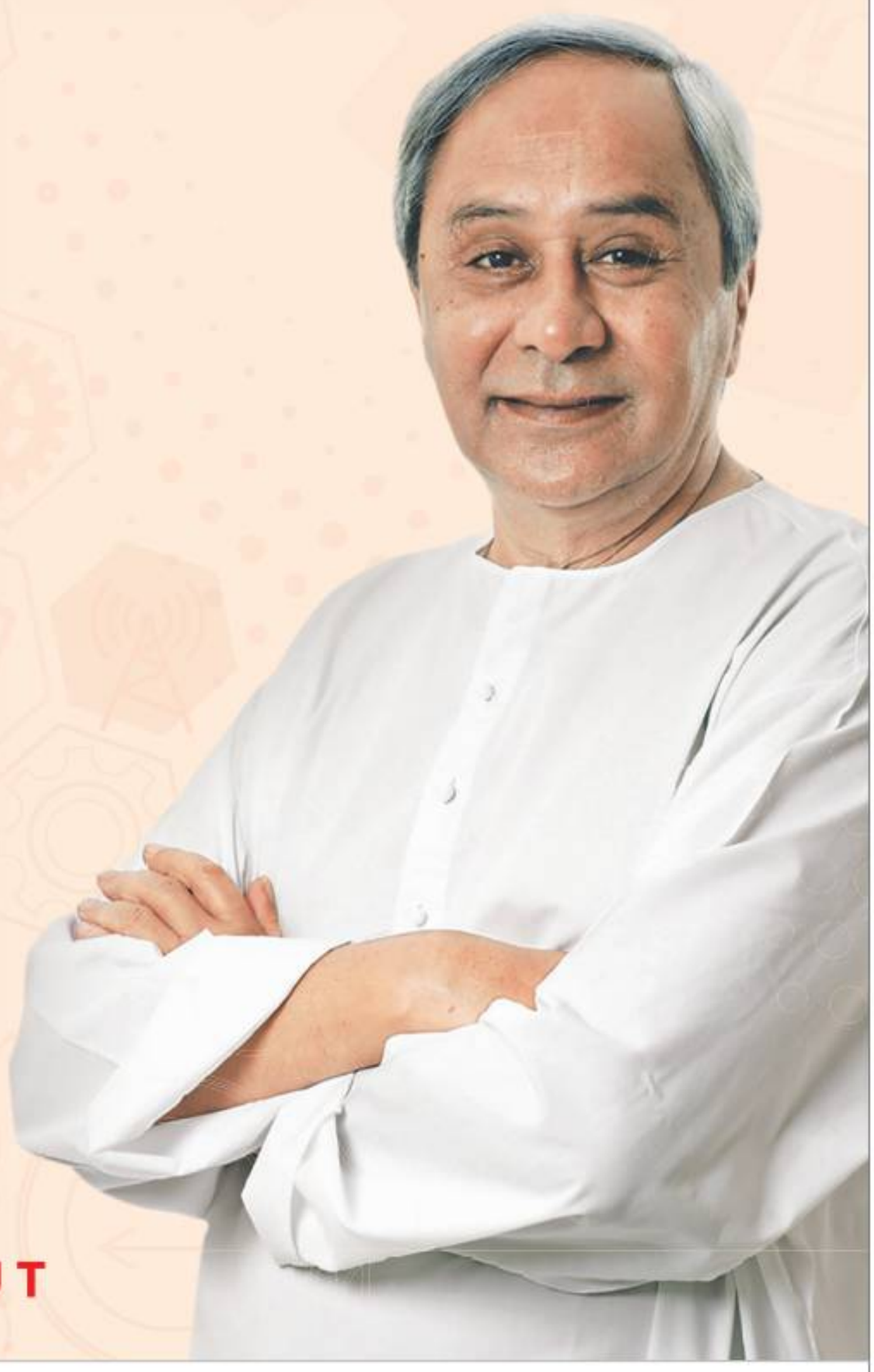

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